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Student Activities Board officers discuss goals, plans for year

Taylor Graves
News Editor

The new officers of the Students Activities Board kicked off the beginning of the semester with a running start.

After the spring 2011 elections, President Shaquille Broussard and his new board spent the summer planning this semester's events. Some of the events include Welcome Week, Homecoming Week and Vegas Night.

These new officers are focused on getting the students more involved with campus activities and listening to what they have to say.

"My top priority right now is the students and letting them know they have a voice," Broussard, senior business administration major, said.

Broussard was honored to be voted president for the 2011-2012 term. He has big plans for his board and the students.

"In the upcoming semesters I want the board to be more active with the students," Broussard said.

"I want us to hand out handbills and talk to the students about the event."

Not only does Broussard want to be on the front lines for all events but also help in any way possible.

"I understand that as being president you are the face of the organization, but I want to be much more than that," he said. "I want to be the one getting involved and helping with events by being the behind the scenes worker or whatever is asked of me as long as it is for the betterment of the students."

Other new members are excited and hopeful for the semester. Austin McCann, new Executive Representative at Large, is in charge of



Submitted Photo

SAB executives from left to right: Austin McCann (representative at large), Sarah Broadway (vice president), Shaquille Broussard (president) and Solomon Matthews (secretary and treasurer).

Homecoming Week 2011 and Spring Fling 2012. He wants to make both events memorable for every student.

"I plan on bringing a big name artist to Northwestern and have a big concert," McCann, junior liberal arts major, said. "This Homecoming will be one of the best Homecomings NSU has seen in a while."

McCann knows these events are big and important to his fellow students, so he has an immense job ahead of him.

"Being voted into this position truly brings on a lot of pressure and responsibility," McCann said. "However, the board and I feel that I am ready to do the job."

Another important job for the new SAB is getting students to attend the weekly meetings.

"I want it known that our meetings are open to the students every Wednesday at 5 p.m.," Broussard said. "By students coming to our meetings, they can give us more in-

put on events and also tell us what they want to see on campus."

SAB is not only about planning events. As a board, the members are responsible for proposals and budgets throughout the year. Solomon Matthews, new secretary and treasurer, is responsible for helping SAB stay on top of administrative duties.

"With my position, my top priority is to keep committee heads, the executive representative and the special events coordinator updated on their budgets as well as ensuring that



Photo by Tyler Young / Potpourri

SAB posted signs for Welcome Week's Organizational Fair outside Friedman Student Union to help students find an RSO to join.

they have a copy of all the proposals they pass," Matthews, junior social work major, said.

With all of the responsibilities and duties of SAB, the new members also want to have a fun, exciting environment to work in.

"My top priority is to help the five committee heads plan their upcoming events and help create a fun board everyone wants to be apart of," Sarah Broadway, new vice president, said.

SAB Fall 2011 Activities

- Sept 20 - Demon Scavenger Extravaganza
- Sept 27 - Vegan Night
- Sept 29 - Foreign Frenzy
- Oct 10-15 - Homecoming Week
- Oct 11 - Kyser Brickway Cook-off
- Dec 2 - Demon Recycle Awareness

Rising textbook prices lead to new options

Lauren Tullis
Staff Reporter
Taylor Graves
News Editor

As textbook prices keep rising, local bookstores try to offer different options to keep that sticker shock away.

"I try to save as much money as possible before the semester starts," sophomore Paige Falgout said. "The little money I do save does not cover half the cost of my books, unfortunately."

The estimated cost for books per semester is around \$1200, according to the NSU website. Although the cost of books may seem to rise, bookstores have created more options in the recent years to help students save money.

The first alternative to buying textbooks is to rent them. When renting the book, students pay less than buying, although the amount differs from book to book. Students also have to return the book by a certain date. The date is usually at the end of the semester.

Renting textbooks does not nec-

essarily help students save money though.

When returning the books, students do not get the chance to get some of their money back by reselling the book like they do when the textbook is actually purchased.

Anna Dieter, junior art major, learned another downside to book renting when she started working at the Demon Bookstore.

"Buying books is recommended because renting only saves you 10 to 20 percent," Dieter said. "Plus if the book is stolen, lost or damaged, you have to pay for the damages and replace the book. Sometimes it can end up costing you double the normal book price."

Another choice is to buy E-books, which are cheaper because there is not a physical book. The E-book downloads to a computer and is available at anytime.

According to the Barnes and Nobel University Bookstore, located in Friedman Student Union, more students are buying E-books.

The bookstore believes the rise in E-book purchases is due to the fact that a lot of students are distance

learning students who already do their classes online, so having books on their computer makes learning that much easier.

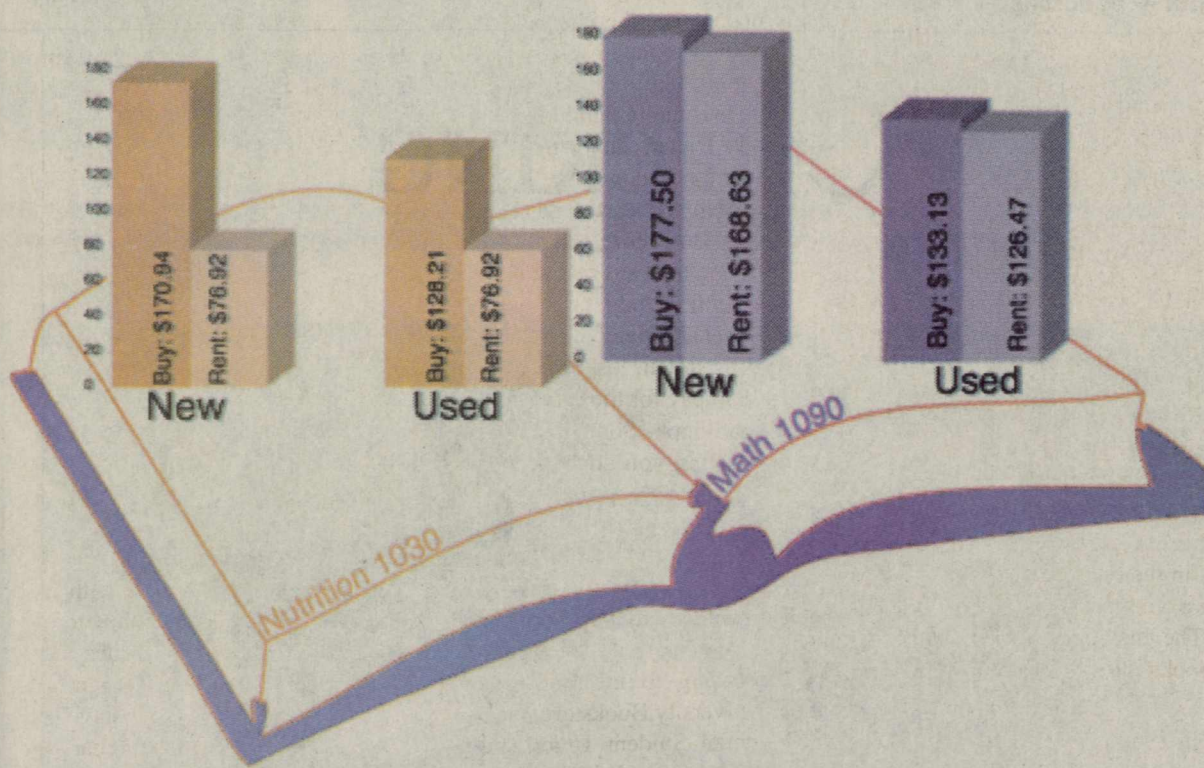
No matter what option students choose for buying textbooks, the cost still has a dramatic effect on a student's budget, but some students have learned tricks to help save money.

"The best advice I can give a new college student is to rent and buy as many used books as possible," Falgout said. "It's also best if you pre-order your books before the semester starts, that way you have a better chance of finding better book deals."

Students can also receive some help with textbook costs through the Financial Aid office. Book allowances are given to students with financial aid so students can buy textbooks and other school supplies.

According to the NSU Financial Aid website, "Students who have financial aid in excess of their charges can be eligible for a book allowance."

So through the rise in prices, there can be some light for students.



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Photo by Katie Beverly / The Current Sauce

Pictured above are NSU students entering the lecture in A.A. Fredricks by Tyson Wooters, "Don't Lose Your Head" which was hosted by SAB

NSU students return for a busy Welcome WeekKatie Beverly
Co-Editor

The beginning of a new school year is marked by a series of events following the annual Freshman Convocation.

These events are designed for the new freshman class to grow accustomed to the campus and are referred to as "Welcome Week."

This year the Student Activities Board committees have pulled together a long list of entertainment to get the freshman involved in campus life.

Welcome Week started off on

Monday with a Luau Pool Party at University Place I, which was continued on Tuesday with a lecture by Tyson Wooters, The Oregon Duck, titled "Don't Lose Your Head" in A. A. Frederick's Auditorium.

A pep rally and scrimmage football game were planned for Wednesday, followed by an early showing of the movie *Thor* on the field.

"My favorite event was 'Movie on the Lawn,' SAB secretary and treasurer, Solomon Matthews said. "Even though it was raining and we had to move to the Student Union, we had a pretty fair turnout and everyone enjoyed the movie. And we weren't dying from the heat!"

The week ended with an invitation to come out and support the NSU Demon soccer team on Friday at 8 p.m.

Although these events were designed to introduce the freshman class to campus life, many upper-classmen attended and met some of the freshman in the process.

In this way the activities of Welcome Week were enjoyed by all of the students at Northwestern.

Although the SAB creates the program for Welcome Week, it isn't the only organization that is involved.

Many churches, campus orga-

nizations, sororities, and fraternities host extra events such as meet-and-greets, block parties and game nights to welcome the freshmen.

Sasha Holloman, one of the incoming freshmen at Northwestern, said that her favorite activity was the Information Station that was held on Monday in the Student Union Ballroom.

The set-up of all of the organizations and clubs made it easy for her to learn more about all of the options NSU has to offer.

"Everyone was very helpful," she said. "I easily felt at home here, so getting into the swing of things wasn't so hard for me."

**NSU students
move into
campus
housing**Yvette Wagoner
Life Editor

Northwestern students were finally able to move in to their on-campus apartments on Saturday, giving them two days to get settled before classes started.

With the help of other students involved in various organizations such as Freshmen Connectors, Demon VIPs, Resident Assistants, Ambassadors, surrounding churches and members of greek life, students were able to meet upper classmen who were able to ease their nerves of moving away from home.

"Although it was extremely hot when students started arriving at 8 a.m., that didn't stop us from getting excited for move-in day! It was nice to represent NSU as both a Freshman Connector and a greek leader and be able to meet so many new students and their parents," junior Afton Owens said.

Residents will be meeting with their RA's this week to go over campus housing rules, as well as answer any questions they may have.

"I am excited for monthly events starting in September where all residents get to meet each other and have the opportunity to get involved on campus," Resident Assistant Kathryn Greene said.

**Members of Pi Kappa Phi cycle the U.S.
raising money for people with disabilities****Pi Kappa Phi Report:**

This past summer two students had the opportunity to participate in life changing events.

Chase Harvey and Cameron Moises, members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, participated in Push America's Journey of Hope.

Push America is the non-profit philanthropic organization of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity for people with disabilities.

In 1987, one man's dream of riding his bike across the country inspired Push America to create the Journey of Hope.

Journey of Hope is a cross-country bicycle trek beginning in San Francisco, Calif. and Seattle, Wash. and ending with all teams together in Washington, DC.

The Journey of Hope is a ride with a purpose. It raises funds and awareness for people with disabilities.

"The Journey of Hope is about many things," Moises said. "It is about challenging the norm. It is about serving our communities. It is about finding out more about ourselves than we ever imagined. It is about a mission. It is about hope."

Today, Journey of Hope riders cover 32 different states and cycle over 12,000 miles for people with disabilities.

The Journey of Hope is solely comprised of members of Pi Kappa Phi from across the nation and continues to spread a message of acceptance and understanding for people with disabilities.

Since the ride started it has

raised over \$15 million for people with disabilities, with \$500,000 raised each year.

When asked how the trip changed his life, Harvey said, "we are supposed to be changing the lives of people with disabilities, but these individuals effect our lives more than they will ever know."

NSU's Pi Kappa Phi fraternity participates in Push America's events every summer and have been doing so for the past five years.

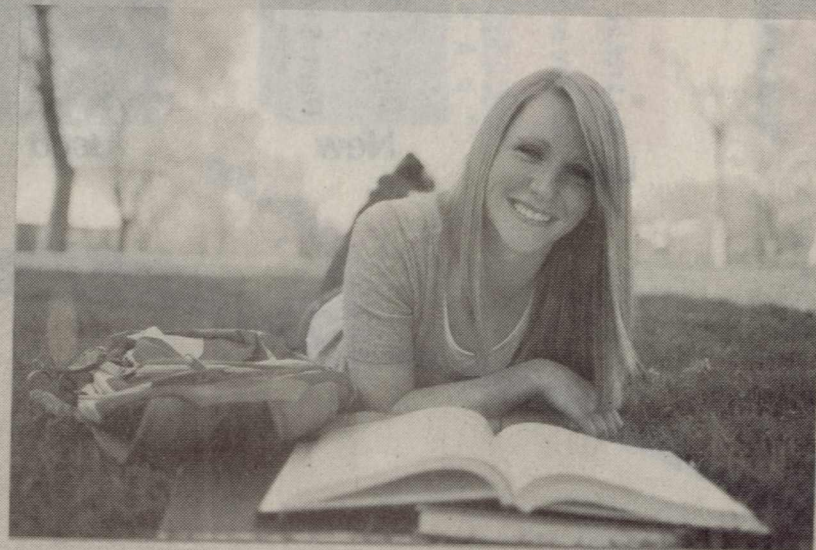
The Push America motto is "building leaders of tomorrow by serving people with disabilities today."

This is true in the Beta Omicron chapter of Pi Kappa Phi who strive everyday to make the world a better place for people with disabilities.



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Above Chase Harvey, Nick Breauz and Cameron Moises in front of the State Capitol in Washington, D.C. showing pride by holding our state and university flags

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Sunday
Class of 2015 New Student Convocation
President's Picnic

Monday
Luau Pool Party

Tuesday
Demons on Tour
Organizational Fair
"Don't Lose Your Head"

Wednesday
Night Pep Rally
NSU Football Scrimmage
Movie Night

Thursday
Block Party
BCM Game Night

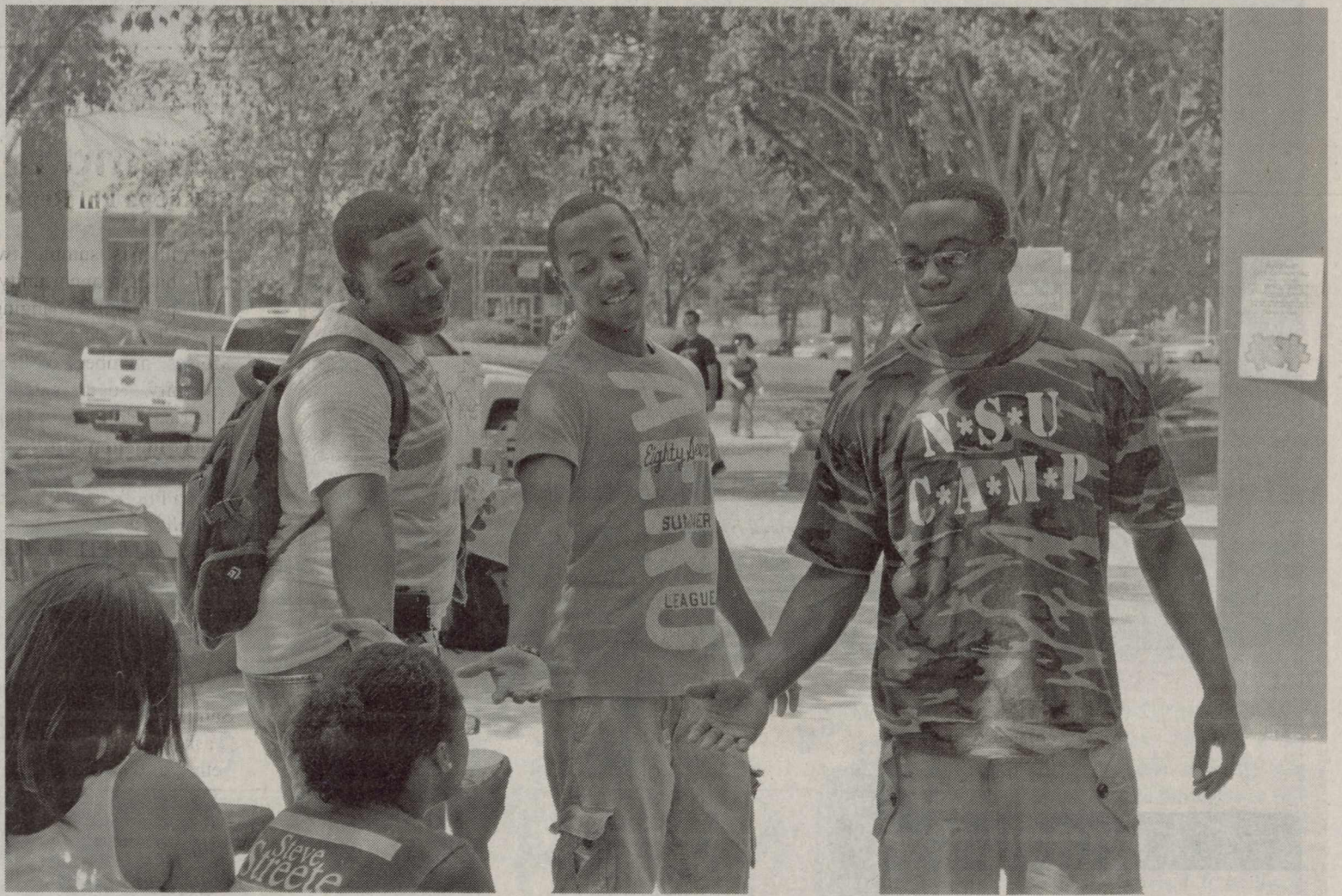


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Patrick Thomas (sophomore science major), Dezrick Williams (sophomore engineering major) and Antonio Beaudion (sophomore business administration major) start off the first week by serenading Adriane Granger (junior nursing major) and Ketia Morrison (junior nursing major) outside the Friedman Student Union.



Photo by Tyler Young / Potpourri
Lindsey Rolling (senior early childhood development major) and Haley Wilson (junior accounting major) represent Sigma Sigma Sigma and encourage students to get involved on campus at the Organizational Fair. Sigma Sigma Sigma is one of four Panhellenic sororities on campus.



Photo by Tyler Young / Potpourri
Leah Lapoint (sophomore education major), Robin Wilder (sophomore early childhood education major) and Mae-gan Morace (senior hospitality, management and tourism major) work the Inferno booth. Freshmen will have the chance to run out on the field at the beginning of the first home game this Thursday to show their school spirit.

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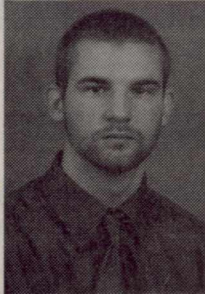
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NSU dress code tips for 2011

Hunter Bower
Opinions Editor



W e l -
c o m e
b a c k
fellow Demons!
I hope that ev-
eryone has had
a great summer!

I wanted
my first column
to be sort of an influential message
to all incoming freshman and also to
the current students so it has taken
me a while to think of what to write
about.

I came across a video of a co-
median giving out fashion tips on
YouTube and after I had wiped the
tears from my eyes from laughing
hysterically I started to think about
how true some of his stories were.

So, I thought to myself, why not
give out some tips to incoming fresh-
man and current students at NSU.

Today, I give you tips for the
2011-2012 school year:

1. Certain things should not be
sold in certain sizes.

If your stomach blocks the
view from your shoes, then cover it
up! The only people who should be
wearing belly shirts are the people
with no bellies!

2. To those who wear the cotton
shorts with the words printed on the
back.

If your thighs look like the
hood of a white Toyota van after a
hailstorm then you are not "JUICY".

3. Tattoos are not for everyone.

It is going to be tough for your
kids to take you seriously when you
tell them to say no to drugs and you
have a pot plant tattooed on your
neck!

4. Low-cut tank tops do not
look good on anyone.

If your skin is as white as Cool
Whip and you have a mole the size
of an oatmeal pie, then let that be
your little secret!

5. It is okay to wear a t-shirt
with nothing on it.

If you want to know anything
about a certain person, all you have
to do is look at the shirt that they are
wearing.

If you give me a college stu-
dent's shirt drawer, I can tell you
what kind of car they drive, what
beer they drink, what radio station
they listen to, where they went to
high school, their favorite college
football team, their philosophy on
life and where they have been on va-
cation the past ten summers.

And please do not wear an "I'm
with stupid" t-shirt in public if you
are by yourself.

6. And finally, couples should
never dress alike unless they are go-
ing to a Garth Brooks concert or a
Halloween party.

So there you have it folks.
Those are my tips to having a suc-
cessful school year without any criti-
cism from anyone.

So remember NSU students,
follow these tips and you will have
a long and happy school year! Fork
'Em Demons!

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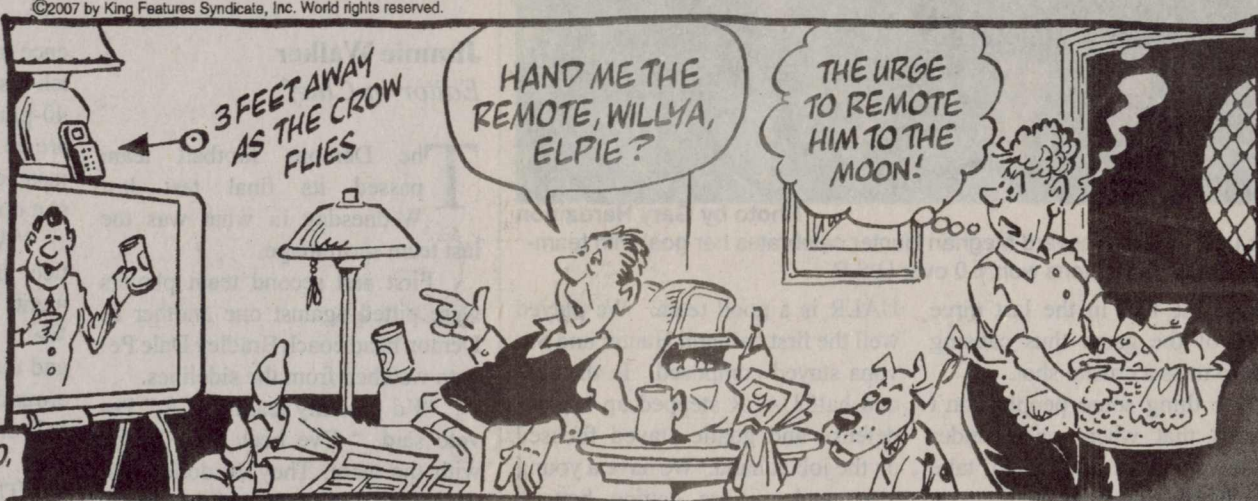
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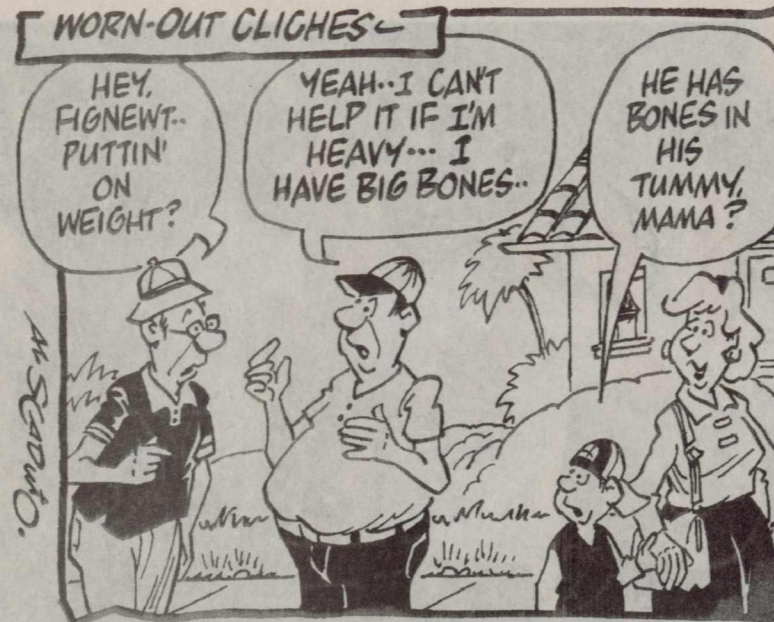
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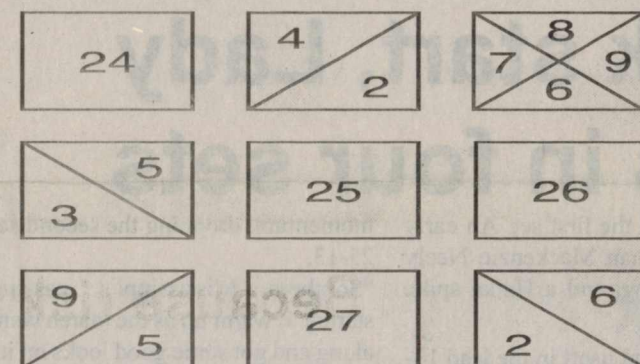
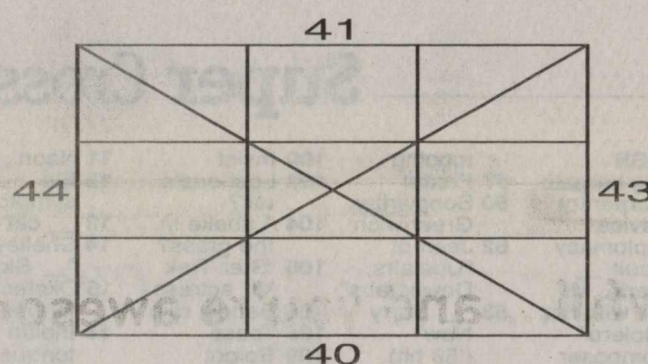
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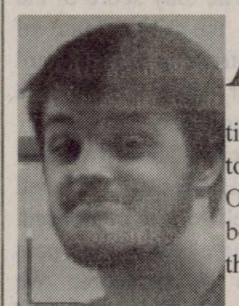
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It's back to school time, be sure you mess up

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to study again.
Or it could
be time to go
through Rush.

And fur-
ther still, it could
be time to drink at the bar, meet,
greet, go to Wal-Mart (again may-
be), and possibly have a chance at
romancing a co-ed if you please.

One piece of advice you may
have heard from some authority is
that it is unfortunate to make many
mistakes. I am talking primarily to
the freshmen here and I will get to
the rest of you in a wee bit. My ad-
vice: MAKE TONS OF 'EM! How-
ever, be sure to learn from all of
them.

So go ahead and spend too
much money at a watering hole of
your discretion and talk to that cute
girl or guy in the desk in front of you
with a creepy smile.

Remember to cram for tests,
forget the seven-bazillion passwords
for the various student webs, and eat
all the fast food you heart desires.
You are at the point in time where
it is the last opportunity to be read-
ily forgiven for your mistakes and it
is the best time to correct them. Af-
ter this, "real life" gets harsh... or
harsher.

Now keep in mind that the ex-
cuse or reason 'I was out to make
mistakes and that's how I ended up
in prison' will not go so well as you
hope, unfortunately. Yet, should a
blooper arrive in the highlight reel
of your collegiate experience, make
sure you know why it happened that
way and what will you do differ-
ently. And yes, I know. I sound like
a father right now, albeit a sensible
one.

All of us at NSU have blunders
from the last years, weeks or even
days. Depending on severity, we
ought to let them go through our ed-
ucation of ourselves. The neat thing
about mistakes and errors is that
once you have learned from them
properly, you can forget all about
them by doing whatever it was you
were supposed to be doing when you
made them.

For example, I have not been
in humble Natchitoches for a while.
So should I get bent out of shape if
I cannot remember old faces, names,
and passwords? Or should I get up-
set if I cannot figure out how the fee
payment ritual will go down this se-
mester? Heck no! I'll learn (and I as-
sure you I have).

That is probably not even the
worst error for me in the past week,
but I wouldn't know. Nor should I
feel bad if I make more, for I have at
the very least a semester to do right
by myself.

So my opinion is thus: I do
not agree with the above advice of
avoiding any and all mistakes. You
are here to learn more than science,
math, humanities and language. You
are also here to learn about yourself
and your own functioning, too.

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NSU Soccer wins with clean sheet

Shana Lee
Sauce Reporter

The Lady Demons walked off the field victoriously Friday night after battling it out with University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

With the first home game of the season come nerves that can only be fixed with the support from the Demon fans and getting a big win under the belt.

"We had a big crowd so I'm excited and glad we were able to win the game even with first game jitters," sophomore-midfielder Ashlee Savona said. The only score of the night came in the 17th minute of the first half from senior-forward Meghan Hunter when she nailed a shot from 30 yards out.

"I was excited about our first home game," Hunter said. "I had to remind myself to stay composed. Savona gave me a really good pass that set me up for my score. We dropped a little in the second half but now we know what to work on in practice."

The first half was full of great opportunities for Northwestern State's offense to score. The Lady Demons took eight shots with three being on goal. During the second half, UALR spent a lot of time on the offensive side. Luckily, NSU's stingy defense stuffed multiple opportunities from UALR.

"We've worked a lot on our defense this week," head Coach Jimmy Mitchell said. "We lost Alex Rios this week and she was kind of holding us together." Sophomore goalkeeper Jessica Danku came out to



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Senior Lady Demon forward Meghan Hunter celebrates her goal with teammates. The Lady Demons won 1-0 over UALR.

challenge the ball in the last three minutes of the game thus causing UALR to miss a crucial shot.

"One thing some people don't realize is that when we're under pressure, Jessica's ability to take goal kicks and punts and put them on the other half of the field helps the whole team tremendously," Mitchell said. Even in the last minute UALR set off several last attempt shots but NSU defense held their ground.

"This was a big win for us.

UALR is a good team. We played well the first half and Hunter and Savona stayed composed. In the second half UALR stepped up but our defense and goalie stayed focused on the job at hand. We have a young team and we are getting better," Mitchell said.

The Lady Demons are set to battle on the pitch once again on Friday, Sept. 2 when they visit Prairie View A&M. The next home game will be on Sept. 11 against Tulsa.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Demon quarterback Paul Harris completes a pass during the final scrimmage before the start of the season this Thursday night in Turpin Stadium.

Demon football prepares for season opener

Jimmie Walker
Editor-in-Chief

The Demons football team passed its final test last Wednesday in what was the last team scrimmage.

First and second team players were pitted against one another as Demon head coach Bradley Dale Peveto watched from the sidelines.

"I'd give my team an 'A,'" Peveto said. "I've been very happy with the team. They've done what we asked them to do, and they are in great football shape."

The team is entering the fall season with huge expectations having improved significantly from their winless season of 2009. Last season, the Demons led the confer-

ence at one point but a sluggish finish resulted in a record of 5-6. After 40-plus camp practices, the Demons are no longer cannibalizing itself but instead they are prepping for the season opener against Delta State.

"We're excited that people notice that we are making improvements here at Northwestern State. We're preparing for one team now and that is Delta State and the word around the Northwestern State football is 'beat Delta State,'" Peveto said.

The Demons are returning key starters on both sides of the ball including junior quarterback Paul Harris and junior linebacker Derek Rose.

Due to an injury, Harris was out most of the summer.

"I felt deprived of football this

summer, but I'm back out here with my team and I'm more excited than I've ever been."

Harris explained that Delta State should not be taken lightly even though they are a Division II team. "They're a zone team that's fast on defense, but they have weak points and [coach] Cooley got most of the game plan in," Harris said.

Delta State University finished the 2010 season with a record of 11-15. They lost in the national championship to Minnesota Duluth by the score of 20-17. The team is currently on a 1-0 win streak after defeating Elizabeth City State 28-21 in an overtime victory while NSU has yet to experience game conditions.

The first game is this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in Turpin Stadium.

Despite quick start, Lady Demons falls in four sets

Robbie Kleinmuntz
Courtesy of Sports Info

After a very impressive first set on Saturday to start off day two of the Southern Mississippi Volleyball Invitational, Northwestern State would fall to the host team in four sets - 19-25, 25-13, 25-13 and 25-11.

The loss dropped the Lady Demons to 1-2 on the season after the opening weekend of the 2011 slate.

Freshman Kelly Jimenez tallied a game-high 10 kills and pitched in with nine digs. Freshman Stacy DiFrancesco finished on nine attacks, while freshman Vanessa Coleman and junior Nicole Hajka recorded eight kills each.

On the defensive side, freshman Keelie Arneson recorded a game-high 25 digs and passed the ball exceptionally well.

"Keelie had a great match, especially passing," said co-head coach Hugh Hernesman. "I was excited to see her bounce back in our last two matches from a tough passing game in the season-opener."

The Lady Demons started slow,

trailing 1-6 in the first set. An early kill by freshman Mackenzie Neely got them going and a Hajka spike tied it 9-9.

NSU found itself in the lead 13-10 after a DiFrancesco kill, and extended the lead to 19-14 on a block assist by Neely and Emily Sweet.

The Golden Eagles cut the lead down to 20-18, but after a NSU timeout, DiFrancesco had a block that rallied the Lady Demons and got them up 24-18. Coleman put away an attack to give NSU the first set 25-19.

"We served very aggressively and got them out of sync early on," said Hernesman.

Sweet had 13 assists in the set while Arneson had nine digs. NSU outblocked Southern Mississippi 16-10 in the set. Sweet dished out 34 assists in the match.

The Lady Demons won the first set in all three matches in the invitational. In the second set, Hajka had a couple early put-aways to help keep pace at 7-7. Quality blocking by Southern Mississippi put the Lady

Demons in an 11-15 hole and NSU just wasn't able to re-gain the

momentum, dropping the second set 25-13.

"Southern Mississippi's passing started to warm up as the match went along and got some good looks on its attacks," Hernesman said.

The Lady Demons were taking good swings but they just weren't dropping in the third and fourth sets.

NSU called timeout to try to rally the troops trailing 11-19 in the third, but it wasn't enough to slow down the Golden Eagles' attackers.

Southern Mississippi would keep the balling rolling in the fourth, and the Lady Demons would drop the last two sets 25-13 and 25-11.

"We need some more balance on our setting selections because we went too much on the outside towards the end of the match," Hernesman said. "We will work on getting our middle hitters more involved so that teams won't be able to figure us out."

Up next, the Lady Demons will travel to Lubbock, Texas to play Morehead State on Friday at noon at the Texas Tech Invitational. NSU will also take on Texas Tech and UNLV in the tournament.

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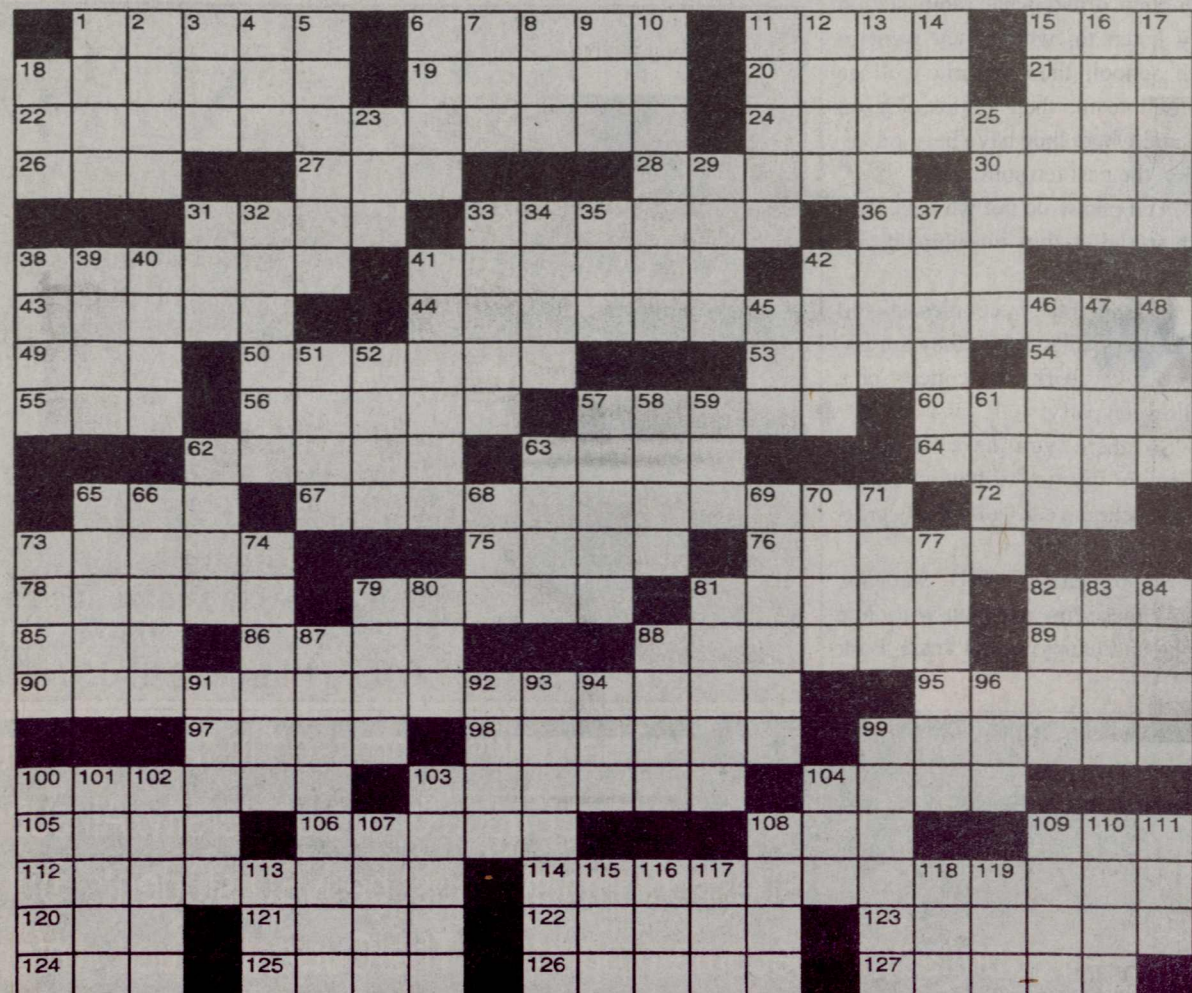
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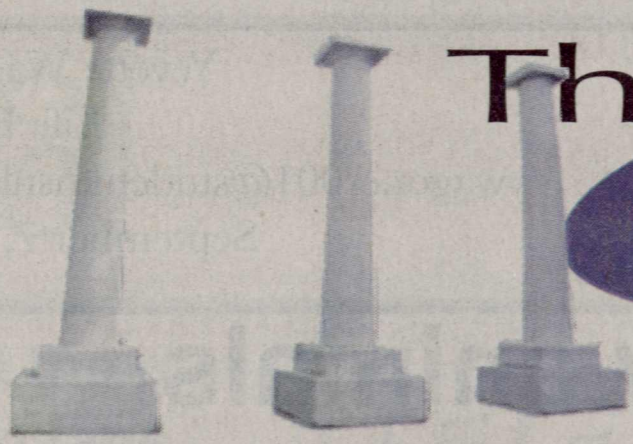
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Demon football pull off comeback

Jimmie Walker
Editor-in-Chief

Quarterback Brad Henderson, a newcomer to the Demon football roster, found himself in an unlikely situation.

Down 17-0 at the half, Henderson was given the task of finding a way to bring the Demons back from what could have been a home-opening loss.

In dramatic fashion, the Demon football team earned a nail-biting 24-23 win over Delta State University, Thursday night in Turpin Stadium.

The victory gave NSU its 499th all-time win.

Henderson, a junior transfer from East Mississippi CC-Scooba, explained that he was extremely nervous because he had never played in an environment like that.

He entered the game when Demon head coach Bradley Dale Peveto pulled former starting quarterback Paul Harris after three series.

"The speed of the game is a lot faster than what I am used to playing," Henderson said.

"My teammates had great confidence in me, and that was a great push for me to go out and help win the game for them."

Delta State drew first blood with 3:21 remaining in the first quarter. Micah Davis capped off a 98-yard drive with a 1-yard run for a touchdown.

The Statesmen would go unanswered for two more scores after Davis completed a pass to Lavon Downs for an



Demon faithful sing the alma mater after the 24-23 win over Delta State. The crowd's attendance helped the Demons win a close game in Turpin Stadium.

8-yard touchdown and kicker Matt Dean made a 23-yard field goal.

The Demons went into the locker room at halftime down 17 points, but things began to turn around in the 3rd quarter.

The defense held strong on the first drive after the break, forcing a three-and-out, which started a momentum shift on the field.

"We started to bring more pressure in the second half," Demon linebacker Derek Rose said.

"Coach Laird likes to attack the quarterback and that's what we did."

The team's ability to move

the ball on offense improved significantly in the second half. NSU rushed for 71 yards just in the 3rd quarter alone.

NSU's offense finally got on the board early in the 3rd quarter.

Henderson continued his pass-completion streak, making it 13 straight with a 32-yard touchdown pass to tight end Justin Aldredge two minutes into the second half.

The Demons added two more scores thanks to a touchdown run by Sterling Endsley and a 27-yard John Shaughnessy field goal that put the team up 24-17.

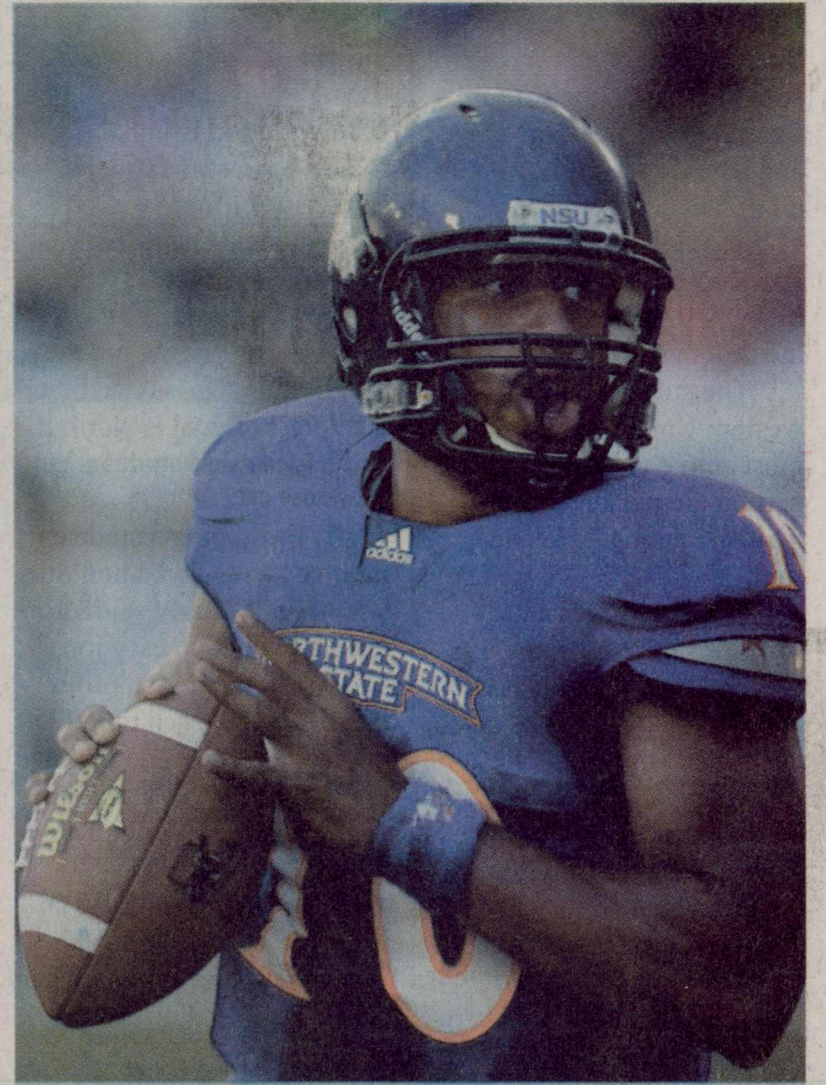
It was all but over as

the Statesmen found a way to come within one point, making the score 24-23.

The Demon defense managed to stop a two-point conversion attempt to seal the victory.

We made just enough plays to win," Peveto said. "We made a ton of mistakes that could have cost us. But we kept fighting, we stayed together, we didn't stop believing, and we won the football game. We'll enjoy it and turn the page to LSU."

The Demons are set to face the Tigers this Saturday in Baton Rouge. Kickoff is at 7:00 p.m.



Demon transfer quarterback Brad Henderson stares downfield for open targets. Henderson completed his first 13 passes in win over Delta State.

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Only 240 tickets remaining



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Taylor Graves
News Editor

NSU got freshmen and upper classmen involved in the first home game of the season by hosting the Inferno.

More than 400 freshmen joined their fellow Demon

fans in cheering for the NSU football team at the beginning of Thursday night's game.

This new spirit-filled tradition was modeled from Baylor University's home opening run.

All the students who signed up for the Inferno were

given shirts and a chance to run onto the field and help bring in the football players along with the NSU cheerleaders.

NSU plans to introduce more spirit activities for the students.



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Northwestern State University honored Louisiana Teacher of the Year and alumna April Jessup Giddens during the Delta State - Northwestern State football game.

Giddens, a sixth grade

teacher at Natchitoches Magnet School, earned a bachelor's degree at NSU in 1996 and a master's in 1998.

During her 15-year teaching career, she taught at NSU Middle Lab School and for the last four years at Natchi-

toches Magnet.

"It's very humbling and I'm very excited," Giddens said. "This casts a positive light on Natchitoches and on Northwestern."

Joining in on the presentation were, from left, State Sen. Gerald Long, State Sen. Ben Nevers of Bogalusa; Dr. Derwood Duke, superintendent of Natchitoches Parish Schools;

Dr. Vickie Gentry, dean of the College of Education and Human Development, Giddens; Northwestern President Dr. Randall J. Webb and NSU student Mariah Courville, president of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, Giddens' sorority.

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NSU students give hope to stray animals

Katie Beverly
Co-editor

NSU students help Natchitoches Hope for Paws rescue, house and care for stray animals.

Natchitoches Hope for Paws was founded when the Natchitoches City Animal Shelter was closed for a short period of time. It is a no-kill facility that acts as a foster and adoption organization for all of Natchitoches Parish.

Jenn Helander, Hope of Paws volunteer, sees how many NSU students help with the program.

"The students at Northwestern University were the most active volunteers that participated in keeping the facility running," Helander said.

Both fraternities and sororities have helped the organization since it has been in operation. Individual students also volunteer their time to the stray dogs and cats by cleaning, feeding, checking any wounds and playing with them.

"Playing with the animals is my favorite part," Tori Smith, sophomore liberal arts

major, said. "Just being able to have fun and play with a friendly animal who I hope will get a home one day is great."

Students also get attached to the pets, which keeps bringing them back to volunteer.

"My favorite part of working with Hope for Paws was seeing my favorite dogs, like Mae West and Bruno," Caitlin Busey, senior HMT major, said.

Smith and Busey both know their volunteer work is time-consuming and sometimes difficult, but they agree doing a good deed for a helpless animal is worth it and hopes more students get involved.

"If I were to get students involved I would be honest with them," Busey said. "I'm not saying it's an easy job, and surely not a glamorous one. However each time I left the facility, I felt good knowing that for once I was doing something that is completely selfless."

Hope for Paws is also an advocate for animal caring. They stress that all pet owners should spay and neuter their

pets. These simple procedures can drastically lower the number of stray dogs and cats in the Natchitoches area.

The organization is willing to offer monetary assistance to pet owners that fill out an application for aid. With a co-pay of \$25 the animal can be spayed or neutered by a veterinarian in the community.

Helander said spayed and neutered animals are healthier, less aggressive and less territorial.

NSU also helps with this aspect of Hope for Paws by participating in a spray and neuter day through the Veterinary Technology program. The Vet Tech program also does routine check-ups on animals.

Hope for Paws also provides all stray animals with up-to-date shots and health care, which means they have a veterinary bill of almost \$1,000 every month.

Despite all this help, Hope for Paws is sorely in need of volunteers to keep the animals fed and exercised regularly.

With around three phone calls a week for abandoned animals in Natchitoches Parish, the facility is near

capacity. The constant flow of neglected and stray animals makes it impossible for Hope for Paws to solely provide space for all of the incoming animals.

Some ways students and residents can get involved is through the fostering program, which only requires a fenced in backyard. This helps the organization give pets a temporary home until they are able to find permanent homes.

Another important way to help is through donations of dog and cat food, Dawn soap, bleach and even bones for the dogs. Donations can be made to the facility or to a local Natchitoches city veterinary office.

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Jacob, a stray dog, comes to NSU Vet Tech program for his annual checkup. NSU students are able to get hands-on experience by helping the Hope for Paws organization.



Jeff Brunner and Solomon Matthews, Theta Chi fraternity members, work an informational booth at an organizational browse to encourage men to sign up for fraternity recruitment.

Fraternity recruiting reaches new high

Brooke Neilsen
Sauce Reporter

The Interfraternity Recruitment ended Thursday night with more than 100 men participating to find the right Greek fraternity to join.

The Interfraternity Council serves as the governing body for the six fraternities on campus and strives to unite its chapter members, strengthen their values and achieve their goals.

"This year's turnout has been more than we have had in years," Natalie Laurence, director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, said.

These men used Recruitment to look at the six NSU fraternities who stand for five main ideals: scholarship, service, leadership, brotherhood and social.

Finding a fraternity to join can help young college students grow in these five ideals.

"A fraternity can be a huge motivational tool to stay academically successful throughout college," Scott Mayeaux, Pi Kappa Phi president, said.

Another reason so many incoming students take an interest in joining a fraternity is to meet new people.

"The biggest benefit of being in a fraternity on NSU's campus is having a true family away from your own," Solomon Matthews, Theta Chi Fraternity president, said.

"Having a group of men that you know you can rely on and that push you to be better in not only academics, but also in character."

Formal Recruitment consists of three days followed by Bid Day.

Convocation is held before Recruitment, which is where prospective members are strongly encouraged to keep an open mind throughout the process.

The first two nights the men are split into two groups, and they attend three houses each night.

At each of the houses, they meet active members and learn about each fraternity chapter's history, philanthropy and academic success.

The third night is "Preference" night, and the participants are advised to go back

to the houses they enjoyed the most. They are allowed to go to as many houses as they choose for this night.

Recruitment Week ended with Bid Day where prospective members went to the Student Union to pick up their bids.

The six fraternities involved in Recruitment include Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Nu, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Theta Chi.

These fraternities will have open recruitment the next two weeks, which is a more casual chance for interested men to see what each fraternity chapter stands for and has to offer, while also getting a chance to hang out with active members.

No matter how students go through, the overall experience of joining a fraternity is the same.

"Guys should join a fraternity because it's a great way to get involved," Mayeaux said. "It opens doors for other opportunities on campus, it will also open doors for opportunities throughout life."

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Will the real NSU fans please stand up?



Hunter Bower
Opinion Editor

As I looked out from the press box last Thursday, I noticed the NSU football team warming up and the band marching in.

I kept looking and waiting but I never saw the stands fill up.

I can't think of any more reason for someone not to show up to the game. We played on a Thursday night when not even LSU was playing. I just don't understand why we cannot get any support.

Someone please tell me what this school is missing? If I see everything clearly then I believe that this school is doing all it can to ensure that the game day environment is as good as it can be.

McNeese State fans show up by the thousands to each home game. Texas A&M fans practice chants at the football stadium the night before each home game. What do we have to do?

This school must learn to pull together as one and support our teams. I was ashamed to be a student of this institution last Thursday. I just don't understand why no one wants to show up to the games.

Now, I know that I am on my soapbox but can we not seriously fill up the stands for at least ONE game. It really grinds my gears to be a part of a school with no fan base.

I am not just talking to the students. I know of faculty members who refuse to support athletics by not attending games. What kind of example are the faculty members setting for the students? It is just amazing how people can support one school but not the one that they attend or teach at.

We have several home games coming up within the next couple of weeks. If you do not know when they are then log on to nsudemons.com and check the schedules. Make plans to attend a game and as always, please wear Demon colors!

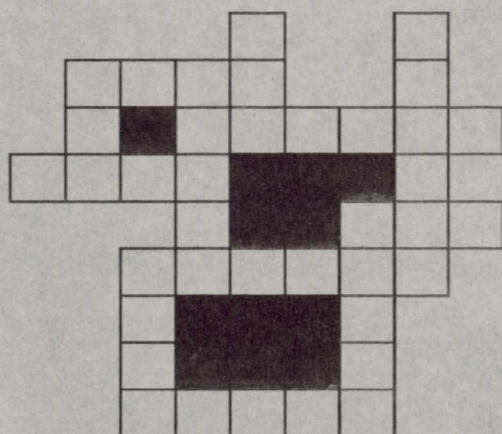
As for the LSU game this weekend, if you are an NSU student and you are wearing LSU gear, then all I can say is shame on you. I really hope our fans show up with their Demon pride showing strong. Let's go support our football team this weekend! Fork 'Em Dons!

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By: rj johnson

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by Linda Thistle

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Living in a world (we didn't make)



Charles Crain
Guest Columnist

Our generation has no identity. And by our generation, I mean college-aged students born in the 80s

and early 90s. We are now the age that advertisers most value, and we supposedly control what products are put on the shelves. But what have we contributed?

Let's take a look at the current music scene. Lady Gaga, the biggest pop star to emerge since Britney Spears, borrows heavily from Madonna. With her outrageous outfits, secular dance music and controversial imagery. Although she is talented and credited for reviving the fledgling music business, there is constantly a "been there, done that" quality to her work.

Now, the biggest artist of 2011 is a throwback female singer named Adele. She has shifted 3 million copies of her album this year, and her single "Rolling in the Deep" is the biggest-selling single of the year. Adele is cut from the Motown crop, reminding us of old-school Aretha Franklin, Etta James and Janis Joplin. What has she brought to the table? No one can deny her talent, but borrowing from iconic performers cannot be seen as a forward push.

The movie business is even less inspired. The latest Transformers film, Dark of the Moon, has raked in a billion dollars at the global box office. The entire franchise is based on a brand of 1980s toys, surely the best example of generational branding.

What about The Smurfs? Alvin and the Chipmunks? All are borrowed from the 1980's and modernized for today's audience. Where are the original ideas? Why are we borrowing so heavily from "the good ole days?"

We live in a retro culture. We rely so heavily on how great things were when we were younger that we try to recreate those feelings. We should focus on establishing our own popular culture, something that future generations will want to emulate and play with.

Of course, I could be misguided, and future pop stars might be harking back to the days of Lady Gaga for their inspiration.

It's back to school time: Bored as all get out



Tom Lawler
Staff Columnist

It is often stated among students of Northwestern State University that there is nothing to pursue as far as recreation is concerned. I could not disagree any more with these folk! Perhaps you are easily bored, but I think you lack imagination, creativity and an adventurous spirit.

First and foremost, there is a large and imposing institution located on University Parkway to which all who read this article are bound in some way, shape or form. The university claims over 100 recognized student organizations to satisfy the needs

of its students. There are an organization for everything from student government to bass fishing.

Heck, even if you do not like the provided offerings, you are more than welcome to create your own RSO with your pals. There are a whole range of Greek organizations to be involved with to some extent and furthermore, there are plenty of venues in which the athletic department represents us as students and faculty. If they do not have home functions in a particular week, have a road trip to whatever hole-in-the-wall town happens to be hosting our fine NSU Demons. Not to mention the Creative and Performing Art students are always throwing something together that can be gawked at or listened to. So that looming

group of buildings has loads of activities. I can assure you of that!

Secondly, the city of Natchitoches hosts many things to occupy yourself with. There are at least six bars to frequent on the weekends and a wide variety of fast food dining experiences. Why not compare who has the better frozen treats between Sonic and DQ? There is a museum and other historic fixtures at the Ft. St. Jean Baptiste National Site. Natchitoches possesses an aquarium and who could leave out Front St. with all of its stores, cafes, and art studios. I have recently gotten wind of a Natchitoches rugby team getting a start, too.

Finally, for the more adventurous of you, there is Kisatchie National Forest

(one of my favorite Natchitoches related activities). Here you can find hiking, biking, fishing, swimming, camping, and horse riding. Also, located beyond the city limits are plantations along Cane River, which goes on past South St. Bridge for some 30 miles or so. This makes a terrific drive for a Sunday afternoon. Yet even further, maybe only one hour away is Toledo Bend and all of its beauty.

This is about half of the iceberg as far as Natchitoches recreation is concerned.

So if I can fill up an entire article about the things to do in this part of the 318 area code, you should be able to have an active and illustrious social life while at NSU. After all, this is college and everything about it is at your discretion!

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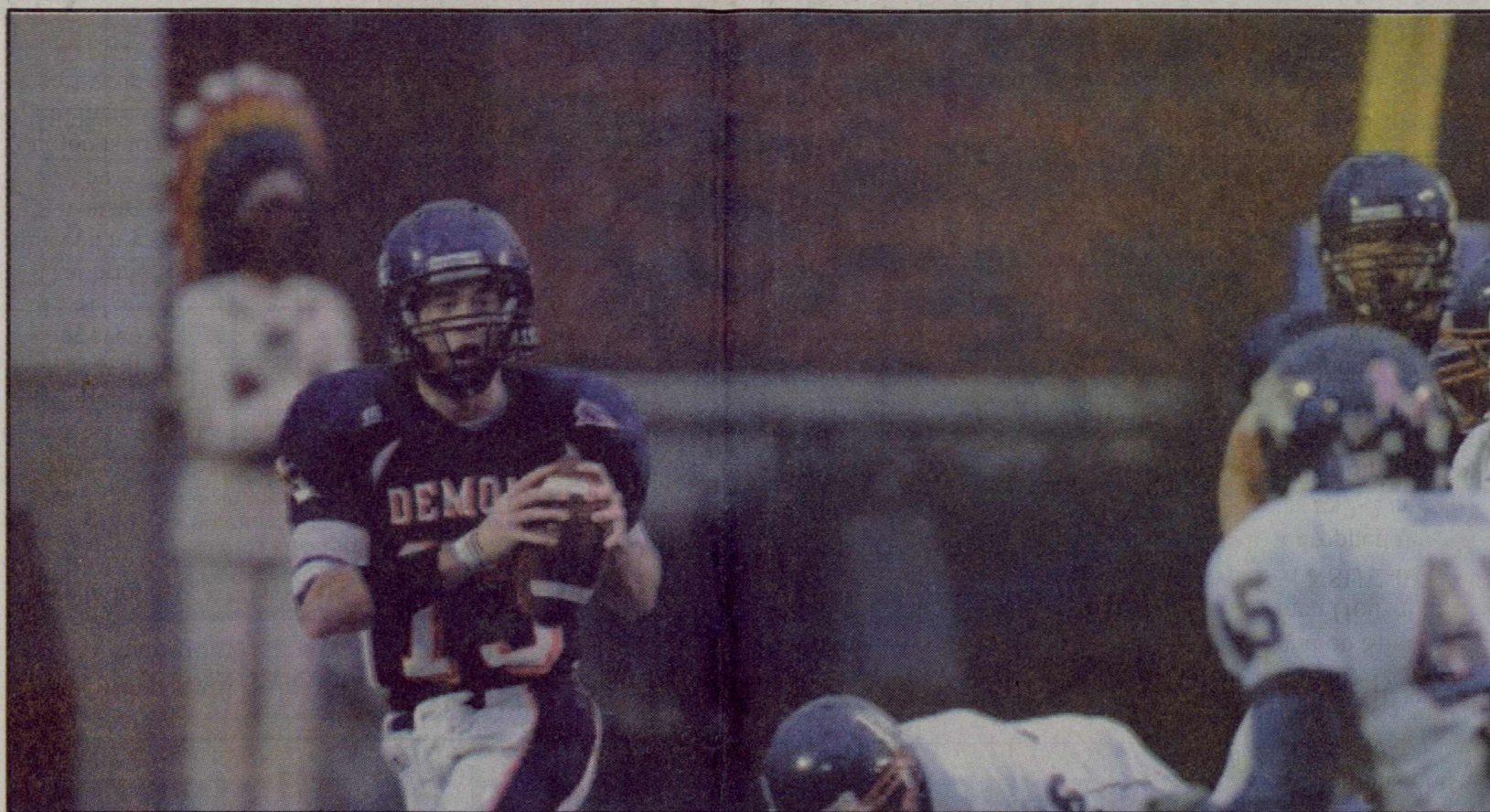
Peveto sites conduct on sidelines reason for suspension

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Northwestern State junior quarterback Paul Harris, who has been the Demons' starter since the last four games of his true freshman season in 2009, has been suspended indefinitely due to conduct detrimental to the team, NSU head coach Bradley Dale Peveto said Friday.

Harris did not return to the Demons' season opening game Thursday night after the second series of the contest. His conduct on the sideline led Peveto to bench him for the remainder of the half. Further behavior issues during halftime prompted Peveto to direct Harris to put on his street clothes and leave NSU's locker room and sideline. Harris watched the rest of the game with his parents in the stands, cheering for the Demons.

Junior college transfer Brad Henderson, who was already slated to play every third series unless Harris and the Demons' offense were particularly effective, took over as the first-team quarterback. In his first Division I action, Henderson completed a school record 13 consecutive passes while sparking Northwestern back from a



Paul Harris looks for an open receiver in one of his last game as a Demon. Coach Peveto suspended Harris from the team after Thursday's game

17-0 halftime deficit to a 24-23 win over Delta State at NSU's Turpin Stadium.

Peveto informed the team of the disciplinary action early Friday afternoon, and said neither he or anyone else with the squad will discuss the situation further.

"It's a family matter and we're keeping this within our family," he said, "I'm very

proud of how our team rallied around Brad Henderson and how he led our offense in a winning performance. We're proud to have come from behind to beat a very, very talented Delta State team and we're excited anticipating our game next Saturday at LSU."

Henderson led the Demons to scores on four of their first five series after half-

time, finishing 13 of 14 passing for 210 yards including a 32-yard touchdown to senior tight end Justin Aldredge. Henderson added a net of 11 yards rushing, gaining 37 but losing 26 on four sacks.

The comeback victory was the second-largest winning rally by the Demons in their Division I history, dating back to 1977. NSU won its

2005 season opener at Louisiana-Monroe 27-23, overcoming a 23-0 halftime deficit.

Henderson (5-11, 210) was an honorable mention junior college All-America quarterback last year at East Mississippi Community College, throwing for 2,763 yards and 26 touchdowns while completing 59.8 percent of his 388 pass attempts, averaging

276 yards passing per game. He is a Starkville, Miss., native who played for Starkville High School.

Redshirt freshman Don Canyon (6-2, 240, Dallas-Lincoln) will move into the backup role at quarterback for NSU, with true freshman Grant Chiasson (6-0, 190, Thibodaux-E.D. White) as the third-team quarterback, said offensive coordinator Todd Cooley.

Harris threw for 29 yards on 4 of 6 aim in his participation on nine plays on NSU's first two possessions Thursday night as the Demons netted 17 yards, punting twice.

Harris, a Baton Rouge-Tara product, ranks 10th in school history with 3,628 career total offensive yards and is also 10th in career passing yardage (2,828 yards). He was a second-team Preseason All-Southland Conference selection this summer. He has started 14 games, nine last season when his 1,821 passing yards were the seventh best season total in school history.

Ironically, Henderson broke a consecutive completions record Harris set last November when he hit 11 straight passes in a win at Southeastern Louisiana.

NSU or LSU?

Who are you going to support?



Matt Fowler
Guest
Columnist

To steal a line from Hunter

Bower, "You know what really grinds my gears?" To be honest he probably stole that from someone else.

This week is one of the biggest weeks of the year for our school in terms of athletics. Not necessarily for our football team, but our campus has definitely had a buzz about the event of this week.

We will travel down to Baton Rouge and play the LSU Tigers in Death Valley Saturday at 7 p.m.

Now I want to get to what grinds my gears. LSU is obviously the flagship school of our state, and people around the state stand strong behind them, and I will be honest with you, I like that.

My question is this: Why are people from this campus more sold out to that school when they pay their money (part of which goes to our ath-

letics) to this campus?

Now with that said, I do not want everybody to mistake what I am saying. Trust me, I am a huge LSU fan when they are not facing my beloved Demons, but when students from this school have more LSU gear than NSU in their closets I feel that is a problem.

I can already see what is going to happen at the game Saturday too. There is going to be NSU students and fans wearing that other school's clothes, which is just wrong.

Why? Why? Why?

As referenced earlier, you pay your dollars to this campus, so why would you not stand behind the money you spend.

What really gets on my nerves is that I have heard some of our very own athletes say they would be wearing LSU or even gear to support both LSU and NSU.

That brings me to two more points on my soapbox:

1. You are an athlete of NSU. You are a DEMON. Your job is to compete for your school in your sport, and then support your peers in their

sports. Why would you support another school's athletes?

2. (now referencing everyone) For those of you who are planning to wear both schools' gear, please just wear LSU's stuff.

I would rather have nobody than a lot of "fence riders" because all you are doing is looking for a way out.

If we do well then you will take the glory for supporting our school, but you know what... YOU DIDN'T SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!!

You are not supporting either school when you wear gear for both schools. And if we do poorly then you can just say I was going for LSU anyway.

I hope that I have not offended anybody with this column, but it is something I feel very strongly.

So please, if you are going to that game as a NSU student, faculty, or fan wear something orange that says "Demons" on it. Be a true fan and student and support your football team and staff that have worked hard to prepare for this week.

Demon soccer split weekend matches: Danku named SLC player of the week

Shana Lee
Sauce Reporter

The Lady Demon's soccer team hit the road this past week and came back with a solid win over Prairie View.

Not only did NSU battle the Lady Panthers but 35 mph wind as well.

Sophomore-midfielder Yanci Johnson gave NSU the edge they needed to win with her three shots. Johnson scored the first goal of the game five minutes in when Meghan Hunter set Johnson up with an on target pass.

Early in the second half Prairie View scored tying the game 1-1.

Head Coach Jimmy Mitchell said, "It was disappointing to let them back in the game like that, but we regrouped and I feel we did

that very well."

Johnson went on to score again with the help of freshman forward Alex Peterman in the 41st minute of the game.

Sophomore-goalskeeper Jessica Danku and junior-goalskeeper Sam Furlow both saw some quality play time and each collected two saves.

The Lady Demons outshot the Lady Panthers 23-5 in the game. However, the winning streak for the Lady Demons came to an end on Sunday afternoon when Houston Baptist outscored NSU 2-0.

This lost dropped the Lady Demons to 3-2 and Houston Baptist improved to 3-3.

The Lady Demons faced brisk wind caused by Tropical Storm Lee which explains why NSU was outshot 9-7 and only one of NSU's seven

shots was on goal.

The game went into halftime being 0-0, but in the 72nd minute Ariel Rodrigues of Houston Baptist scored to put the Huskies up 1-0.

Twelve minutes later, Mandi Folger put the game out of reach for the Lady Demons making the score 2-0.

NSU goalkeeper Jessica Danku played the whole game and faced five shots with two of those slipping past.

Her performance in this game and others led the SLC to name Danku as the SLC Goalkeeper of the Week.

The Lady Demons will be on the road again Friday as they face Jackson State and will return to the Demon Soccer Complex Sunday, Sept 11, against Tulsa.

The team expects to bounce back from the loss against Houston Baptist

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Northwestern has fall enrollment of 9,191

NSU News Bureau

Full 2011 enrollment at Northwestern State University stands at 9,191 students, and includes an increase in first-time freshmen for the university. Along with slightly more freshman than 2010, Northwestern also saw a rise despite an increase in admissions criteria, which also resulted in a higher than state of Louisiana average ACT for the freshman class. The university increased the number of first time freshmen by 81 despite an increase in admissions criteria. Northwestern also increased the number of transfer students and continuing graduate students. “We are pleased to have a strong fall enrollment figure,” Dr. Webb, NSU president, said. “That is the result of hard work by the Office of University Recruiting and all the faculty and staff who reach out to prospec-

tive students year round. “We are also seeing the benefits of the effort our faculty makes in working closely with our students to keep them on track towards graduation.” Typical of the new students enrolling this fall is Travis Story, who made his college decision the first time he set foot on the Northwestern’s main campus in Natchitoches. A freshman psychology and humanities and social thought major in the Louisiana Scholars’ College, Story visited Northwestern last fall and began planning to enroll. A resident of Mabank, Texas, Story wasn’t familiar with Northwestern until his high school band director brought him to a college fair in Plano, Texas. “I got there and talked with someone from Northwestern and I became interested in the university,” Story said. “Once I came on campus for Scholars’ Day, everything clicked for me. “Everyone in Scholars’ College was out-

going. I sat in on classes and observed the discussion that went on and knew this was something I wanted to be part of.” The Scholars’ College emphasizes smaller discussion-style classes with heavy student involvement, which appeals to Story. “The classes are challenging and I like that,” Story said. “Everyone in the class takes part in discussion. The faculty are involved with the students. They are willing to talk with you on a one-on-one basis and provide a unique environment.” Story is a member of the color guard in the “Spirit of Northwestern” Marching Band. “Being part of the band is a lot of work. It’s fun getting out there to practice and seeing a show develop,” he said. “We are like a family. It is a great way to meet people and be part of an organization that is respected around the country.” Another area of strength for Northwestern, on-line enrollment, was a robust.

This fall’s enrollment includes 3,787 students who take electronic classes by the Internet, compressed video or desktop video. Northwestern was the first to make complete degree programs available on-line among Louisiana universities. The University remains the leader with 29 degree or certification programs available through its global campus, eNSU. “The ability to take online classes has made it easier for me to work toward a college degree,” Fred Denham III of Natchitoches, who is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice, said. “I had taken classes in the 90s and about two years ago, I decided to go back. “Taking classes online is convenient and allows me to do my work without the same time constraint.” Denham, an investigator in the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff’s Office high-tech crime unit, has also started taking graduate courses toward a master’s in adult education

with a concentration in homeland security. “The courses have been very beneficial in my work,” said Denham, who has 13 years of law enforcement experience. “I have learned new concepts and a number of new things I use in my work. I have found my communications skills have improved.” Denham said he’s found Northwestern’s faculty to be responsive to his needs as a student. “The faculty are very active in the classes, making sure assignments are posted and that students are participating in discussions,” Denham said. “They are responsive and get back in touch with you quickly when you have a question.”

For the rest of the story and other NSU information, visit the Current Sauce website at www.nsucurrentsauce.com.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

More than 4,000 NSU fans cheered on the Demon football team this past Saturday in Death Valley for the NSU vs. LSU game. NSU students, faculty, staff and alumni made the trip to Baton Rouge, LA to show their support through tailgating and cheering. It was the 11th time in history the two football teams faced each other. This was the first time Coach Peveto faced his former team where he was an assistant for the 2007 National Championship winners. More pictures of NSU students at the football game can be seen on the Life page or at the Current Sauce website: www.nsucurrentsauce.com.

NSU Police Blotter

Reports from the NSU police station from Sept 7 - 13

September 7
8:16 a.m. - Call from the dance studio requesting an officer due to an injury

September 8
1:22 p.m. - Complaint of two suspicious males at University Place II on second floor wearing white shirt and khaki pants/blue shirt and not sure of pants

1:54 p.m. - Advised one of the boys are juveniles and made attempt to contact mother at work - unsuccessful. They were advised not to come back on campus. Grandmother has custody of both boys.

September 9
3:38 p.m. - Russell Hall alarm is sounding off and lights flashing

September 10
9:53 a.m. - Fire tech is here for Russell fire alarm

10:11 a.m. - alarm is off at Russell Hall

2:25 p.m. - Police escort requested from business parking lost to University Place II

2:45 p.m. - There was a note on the students door 'get a life'

4:06 pm. - Natchitoches Parish Hospital down at soccer field. Helicopter "Life Air" requested

4:19 p.m. - Call from Natchitoches Fire Department, that they would have a unit on scene to give "Life Air" landing zone

4:58 p.m. - "Life Air" arrives, leaving the scene/transporting

7:37 p.m. - University Place I, Building 2, Room 2302 was broke into, \$30.00 was taken

September 11
5:15 pm. - Call University Columns stolen bike

9:33 p.m. - Library staff request a police escort

September 12
11:36 a.m. - Injury at Iberville, female red hair. She is not sure if she wants EMT yet.

11:42 a.m. - Student request EMT

11:50 a.m. - EMT arrives

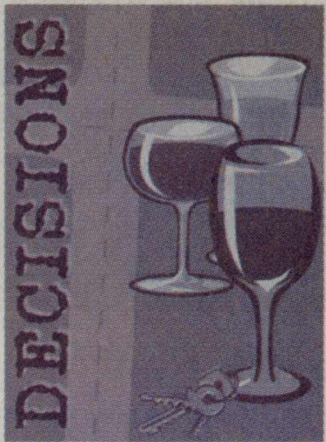
September 13
11:12 a.m. - All units go in reference to possible theft at South Hall

1:38 p.m. - Injury in Student Union, Room 308, EMT enroute

NSU receives grant for alcohol awareness

NSU News Bureau

Northwestern State University received a \$43,600 grant from the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission to assist in funding a campus alcohol awareness campaign, according to Dr. Chris Maggio, dean of students and assistant provost for student life. The grant covers the 2011-12 and 2012-13 budget years. This is the third time Northwestern has received this grant. Last year, NSU sponsored programs including a Safe Spring Break Campaign to encourage students to make good choices while on spring break. Maggio said Northwestern students are a vital part of the alcohol education effort through a Recognized Student Organization, BACCHUS (Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students). He credited NSU counselor Kristi Simms



with leading the University’s initiative in this area by setting up BACCHUS and working closely with students. “Research shows that when talking about making decisions on things such as using alcohol, peers can have a powerful impact,” Simms said. “We will be training students to take a larger role in this area by training them in the areas of bystander intervention, alcohol education and basic communication skills.” According to Simms, Northwestern plans to use peer educators in freshman orientation classes beginning in the fall 2012 semester. The grant pays travel for NSU staff and student officers of BACCHUS to attend the organization’s national assembly this fall. The meeting includes educational sessions, health issue events and programs to provide participants with the latest information on developing a successful alcohol education program. “Talking with and meeting with peers and professionals from other universities is invaluable and will help us develop new ideas,” Simms said. “Other universities have told me they admire what Northwestern is doing, and attending this conference keeps us informed about other successful programs.” Simms said membership in Northwestern’s BACCHUS doubled last year and is expected to grow this fall.

Plans to clean up Cane River

NSU News Bureau

Students, faculty, staff and volunteers from Northwestern State University, the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts and the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training will partner with the City of Natchitoches/Keep Natchitoches Beautiful to help clean Cane River Lake within the City of Natchitoches. The clean-up will take place from 1-5 p.m. Friday, Sept 23 with a focus on the east and west banks of Cane River Lake within the downtown area, from St. Maurice Lane to the Church Street Bridge and possibly beyond. Faculty and students from NSU’s College of Science and Technology, College of Arts and Letters and Louisiana Scholars’ College will partner with other volunteers in the Cane

River Patrol’s clean-up initiative, according to Steven Gruesbeck, director of NSU’s Office of Service-Learning and greeNSU. “Under the direction of professors of archeology, anthropology, biology and ecology, our volunteers will clean up along the riverbed and seawall of the Cane River,” Gruesbeck said. “Along the way, trash and recyclables will be separated and specialized training and attention will be given to protect and preserve unexpected items of historical relevance,” Gruesbeck said. “The City of Natchitoches will provide trash bags and rubber gloves and NSU is providing T-shirts and bottled water to the volunteers. City crews will remove the debris collected from the river,” Courtney Hornsby, director of programming and promotions for the City of Natchitoches, said.

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NSU sororities recruit

Taylor Graves
Life Editor

This week, the women of NSU will hold sorority recruitment beginning this Friday through Sunday.

Registration for those interested in joining a sorority ends this Friday at 5 p.m. online at greeks.nsula.edu.

"Sorority recruitment is a great time for any girl who is interested in what sorority life has to offer. To be able to visit all four of the CPC sororities on our campus and find the one that best fits them," Hannah Thomas, Alpha Sigma Alpha president, said.

"It gives them more of an idea of the benefits each one has to offer," she added.

During sorority recruitment, prospective members will meet women from all of the Panhellenic houses on campus.

These houses include: Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Phi Mu and Sigma Sigma Sigma. Each of these sororities will show the potential members what their sorority has to offer.

Sorority recruitment is not only about women finding the right house to join, but to reach out to NSU women to join Greek life in general.

"At the end of the day, we want all girls to be Greek," Vice President Maegan Morace, College of Panhellenic Council, said.

"It is not just about one house; it is about the overall Greek community here at NSU."

No matter what sorority a woman chooses to join, all of the sororities pride themselves on similar qualities.

"Sororities are so much more than what meets the eye," Morace said. "They have high GPAs, are involved on campus, raise money for their philanthropies, develop lasting leadership qualities and in turn become better people in society."

Throughout recruitment, each sorority will reach out to prospective members in a different way.

"I believe the best way to recruit a person is to be your true self," Thomas said. "I encourage all of the members of my sorority to just be open and welcoming and everything that is them."

President of Alpha Omicron Phi, Chelsea Giles, said, "I plan on letting girls see how much a sorority helps to improve you as an individual."

No matter which sorority a woman chooses, every sorority has an impact on its members during the growing years of college life and after.

"These girls get me through the roller coaster that college life can be," Brooke Nielsen, Phi Mu Recruiting Chair, said. "Without my sisters, I wouldn't be the person I am."

Lindsay Rolling, Sigma Sigma

Sigma Recruiting Chair, feels similar. "I have learned more about myself and gained many leadership skills that I know I will employ everyday once I enter the real world," Rolling said.

Sorority life also taught Giles and Thomas important lessons.

"Being a member of a sorority has taught me that it is okay to reach outside your comfort zone and meet new people and try new things," Giles said.

Thomas said: "After joining, I've realized it's more than just cute shirts and fun times. It teaches you responsibility and leadership. I really see myself as more of a leader and have gained more confidence in myself from it."

Sorority recruitment schedule

Open House

Friday, Sept 16
Student Union Ballroom
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Philanthropy Day

Saturday, Sept 17
Student Union Ballroom
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Prefrential Tea

Sunday, Sept 18
Student Union Ballroom
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Upcoming Events

SGA/SAB/Honor Court Voting

Open to all students
September 14 - 15
Student Union Lobby and Iberville Dining Hall
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Also vote online at secure.nsula.edu/SGAVoting

FYI Challenge

SAB event
Freshman Only
September 15
Student Union Ballroom
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

New Faces

Creative and Performing Arts event
Open to all students
September 19
A. A. Fredricks Auditorium
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Demon Scavenger Extravaganza

SAB event
All Students Invited
September 20
Kyser Brickway
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Miss LOB Informationals

SAB Event
All Interested Women
September 13, 15, 21, 27 and October 6
Student Union Ballroom
6 p.m.



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'Lifted Voices' sing out for Haiti

The Office of Cultural Diversity hosted "A Night in Haiti" to raise awareness and money for the relief efforts in Haiti due to the recent earthquake. Lifted Voices performed to show their support. Guest speakers Van Kyzar, Natchitoches district attorney, and Dr. Curt Phifer, biology professor, gave lectures to encourage students and residents to donate to the cause.

Demons invade Tiger Land



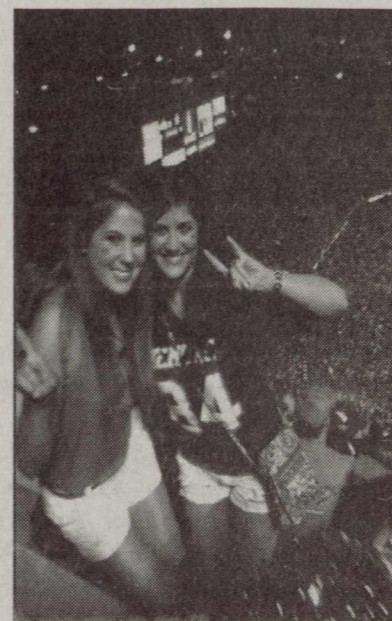
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The Spirit of Northwestern plays the fight song as the football team runs out onto the field.



Submitted photo

Phi Mu fraternity members tailgate at a site provided by the Alumni Association.



Submitted photo

Demon faithful enjoy their first NSU vs. LSU football game in Tiger Stadium. Over 4,000 Demon fans made the trip to Baton Rouge to cheer on NSU. See the Sports page for full coverage of the game.

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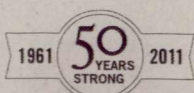
NSU students rented a charter bus for the football game against LSU.

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Where were you on that September day?

Hunter Bower
Opinions Editor



I can remember it like it was yesterday. I was sitting in my 5th grade social studies class when the principal came over the loud speaker

and announced that terrorists had attacked the World Trade Towers in New York City.

My first reaction to the announcement was, "Wow, why would anyone want to do that?"

We stayed in the same class all day as we watched the events unfold. I can remember watching people who were stranded in the World Trade Towers waving shirts for someone to come rescue them while watching others jump out of the windows to avoid being burned alive. Words could not express how I felt as I watched these people die right in front of my eyes.

As we watched the two towers burn, we were notified that planes had crashed into the Pentagon and in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. It seemed like a dream. I had never heard of a terrorist attack or knew who Osama Bin Laden was.

We turned our attention back to New York City and watched as firefighters and other emergency teams rushed into the two towers to rescue

Campus Talk: Students comment on their reactions to 9/11

"I was in my 8th grade English class when I heard about 9/11. By the time I got to a TV, I saw the second plane hit. I asked everyone, 'What? Is that a replay?'. When I realized that it was the second plane, I couldn't believe it."

Patrick Reed,
senior business major

"We've come so far as a country since the 9/11 tragedy. I remember it as if it were yesterday. We will all remember this because it has changed our entire nation's perspective on terrorism - it CAN happen to us."

Alison Roberts,
senior graphic arts major

"I can't believe it's been 10 years. It weirds me out that there are people alive today who don't know or weren't alive then to see it. I was in the fifth grade when it happened. Our class was in the library and the librarian turned the TV on to CNN. I remember not understanding what was going on. I can't believe how far we have come since then, and I can't believe how far we have to go."

Randa Lopez,
junior English major

"When I found out about the terrorist attack on 9/11, I was in elementary school, and my dad was scheduled for a business flight that same day. I remember my mom called the

school saying that he was okay and he never got on his plane due to the cancellations. I remember thinking how easily it could have been for our family to be directly affected by this attack. My heart goes out to all those affected by the 9/11 attacks."

Caitlin Guillory,
sophomore business major

"I was at East Natchitoches Elementary in Mrs. Hall's fourth grade class. It makes me really sad to think about all the daddies that little girls had to grow up without cuz I'm a daddy's girl."

Grace Shaw,
junior criminal justice major

the people inside. Then, out of nowhere, the first tower collapsed.

I was so shocked over what I had just seen. There were so many people inside that did not even have a chance to escape.

I began to think about the firefighters who died trying to rescue the people trapped in the towers. It was something that was hard for me to take in.

My dad is a volunteer firefighter back in my hometown. For years, I had seen him walk into burning buildings and come back out after he had defeated the fiery flames. My dad has always been my hero, but the first time that I watched him come out of a burning house, just made me idolize him more.

My dad has always been Superman to me and even though he has encountered problems in fires, he has always come out.

I sat there in my chair and thought about how there were firefighters that went into the buildings and never came back out.

Most of the firemen were someone's hero, whether it be a child or a person they ran into on the street.

I could not wait for school to end so I could get home and see my dad. I was worried that something happened to him.

At 5 p.m., my dad finally walked into the door, and I couldn't help but thank God that he had come home safely.

We take a lot of things for granted in life. Most of the people that walked into the towers that day didn't know that it would be the last time they would ever see their families.

We must learn to cherish the people in our lives and never forget the ones who sacrificed their lives that day.

I want to thank all of the firemen, paramedics, our armed forces and anyone else who helps protect our nation. I cannot express in enough words how much you all mean to me. It is people like you who help make this world better everyday. May we never forget.

I love you dad.

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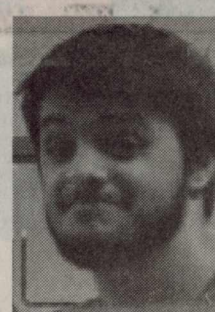
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Rants: Natchitoches 'Second World' city

Tom H. Lawler
Staff Columnist



Could anything go right last week?

It seemed like everywhere one looked there was one thing or another

failing in Natchitoches and NSU. These aforementioned failings gave me the evidence and the idea (but unfortunately not the power) to downgrade the city of Natchitoches to Second World status, which is not so bad, really. It still is not Third World, though that may be forthcoming.

Chief among my complaints is the failing of our water system. To those of you who are new on campus or from somewhere else with a reliable water system, this happens every now and then here. Boiling all of your water for a day should not be considered a hassle if things were different. If this were truly the First World, it seems as if the basic goods and services provided to us would arrive consistently, reliably and harmlessly.

Sure, anomalies occur and there are gaffes abound in this mighty town "that doth stride the Cane like a colossus". How hard is it to disinfect water? It seems the hardest part is choosing which method: boiling, chlorine, UV light etc.

Not only does Natchitoches straddle an oxbow lake, it is bordered on the west by Sibley Lake and east by the Red River. Furthermore, it is Louisiana; water is not far even in severe drought.

Many of you cried "conspiracy" as if this were some way to keep our long bisecting duck pond full of water in the hallowed name of tourism.

I oppose, for these warnings

(like I said) are not new to Natchitoches.

Other complaints are the weather sirens that have for the past few years warned me to seek shelter from the 5mph winds (and did rightly sound T.S. Lee) or tornadoes that never happen. Yet, could you imagine if there was no Purple Alert in place for the forest fire, tropical storms, droughts and boil advisories? There would be chaos and calamity.

It would appear that this town wants to keep you afraid, or at the very least informed of things to be afraid of, much like the totalitarian regimes of the Second World (notice how I came back to that).

Lastly, it seems as if practical technology has still not found itself at Northwestern State, although, among my three roommates there are three iPhones, an iPad and two working computers.

However, the registers at the cafeterias mysteriously shut down, there is always spotty cell phone coverage and the professors seldom seem to post stuff to Moodle without difficulty due to technical glitches.

So yes, you may have the latest smartphone, but trying to send an email to a professor or check assignments can be distressing.

So why not go ahead and give Natchitoches a downgrade to Second World status?

Have we too much pride?

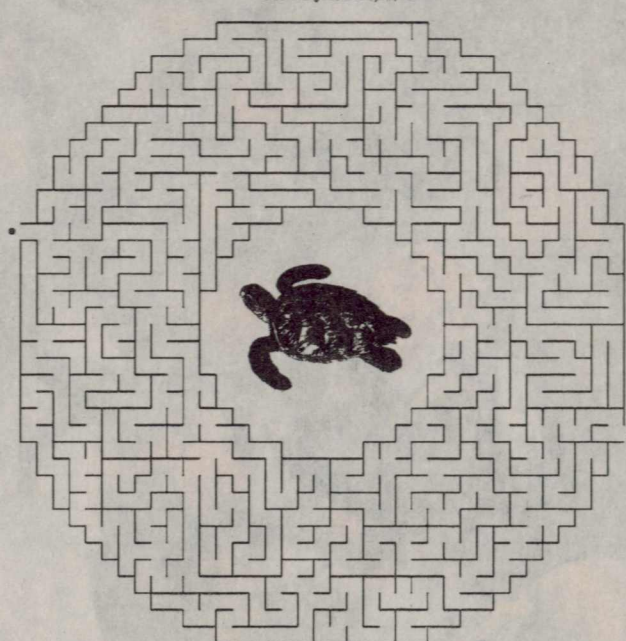
Is the company of Hungary, Cuba and Mongolia just to irritable?

We have two options: either we can make this a better place to live, or we can continue to be satisfied with the semi-functionality of Natchitoches that we have become accustomed to.

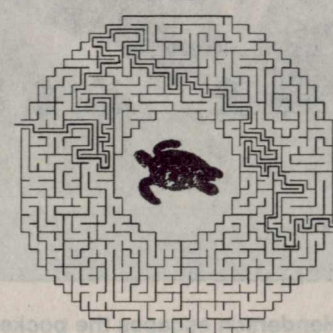
For me, I hope the latter will come to pass. I could get familiar with having fewer headaches.

Mega Maze

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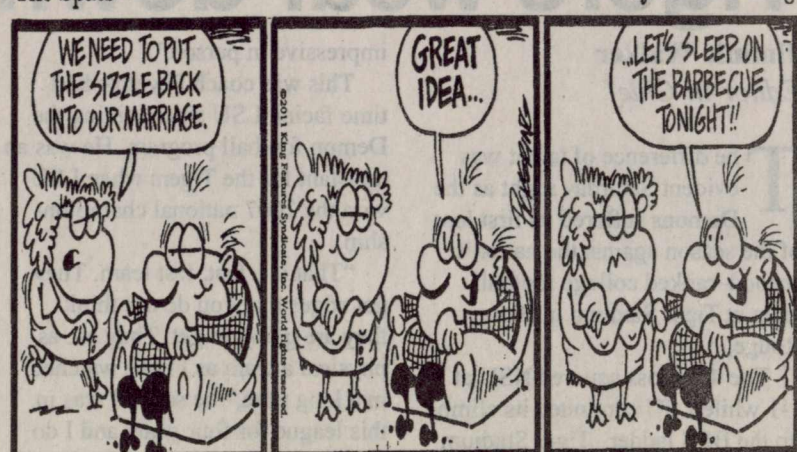
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Photo by Gary Hardamon

Demon quarterback Brad Henderson escapes the pocket to complete a pass to a receiver in 49-3 loss.

Tigers wear down Demons

Jimmie Walker
Editor-in-Chief

The difference of talent was evident Saturday night as the Demons suffered its first loss of the season against the nation's second-ranked college football team at Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge.

The 49-3 loss squared NSU at 1-1 while LSU continued its climb up the BCS ladder. Tiger Stadium was jam-packed with 92,405 people, including more than 4,000 NSU fans.

"That is definitely the number one team in the country. They are a great football team," Demons' coach Bradley Dale Peveto said. "They were pretty impressive on television and they are even more

impressive in person."

This was coach Peveto's first time facing LSU since joining the Demon football program. He was an assistant for the Tigers when LSU won the 2007 national championship.

"That is a fast, fast team. They get edges that you do not think they are going to get. They are as physical a team as I have watched in a long time," he said. "I was in this league for four years and I do not remember seeing a team that physical."

LSU's smothering defense stopped almost everything NSU threw at them, holding the team to 95 total yards and six first downs for the entire game.

NSU's bright moments were few and far in between, and the

missed opportunities were too much to overcome against a dominating Southeastern Conference team.

LSU leads the series of matches over NSU with a record of 11-0, but the Demons left Tiger Stadium with a major accomplishment.

The Demons' three points scored—thanks to the foot of kicker John Shaughnessy—marked the first time in history NSU scored on LSU.

"I have to give credit to Bradley Dale Peveto because they are well coached," LSU coach Les Miles said. "I think they are going to be a very good team. I like their team. They have a good defense. I felt their special teams did a good job."

The team travels again this weekend. NSU heads to Dallas, Texas to match up against SMU.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Dr. Graves with the Lady Demon volleyball team in 2008 at the Graduate N Club ceremonies.

Avid supporter of NSU athletics Loneta Graves passes away

Courtesy of Sports Info:

visitation will be Friday evening for Dr. Loneta Graves, a former Northwestern State University vice president who was a driving force in creating the first athletic scholarships for women on the intercollegiate level in Louisiana. Graves, 88, passed away Sunday.

Her visitation will be Friday evening from 5-9 p.m. at Blanchard-St. Denis Funeral Home in Natchitoches. A committal service will be held next Monday (Sept. 19) at Garden of Memories Cemetery in Metairie.

In 2008, she was presented the Graduate N Club's Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her pivotal support of funding scholarships and operating funds that gave rise to intercollegiate women's sports at Northwestern in the mid-1970s.

In April 1975, Northwestern became the first university in Louisiana to issue full athletic scholarships to women, when NSU athletes Pat Nolen, Diane Pittman, Emma Ellerman, Louise

"Do" Bonin, Sherrill Landry, Terri McDonnell, Inez Brew, Mona Davidson, Janie Wallace and Margaret Langford were the recipients. Tammy Primeaux and Lisa Brewer were high school seniors who accepted scholarships to play basketball for the Lady Demons.

Among that group, Bonin, Nolen (Pierson) and Davidson (Martin), became head collegiate women's coaches at Nicholls, Northwestern and Louisiana-Monroe, respectively. Ellerman (Boozman) is one of the most successful high school girls coaches in state history at Natchitoches Central while Brewer is a Louisiana High School Hall of Fame member who is a nominee for the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

Graves remained an avid supporter of NSU athletics, and particularly women's sports, until her passing, frequently attending football, basketball, soccer and volleyball games and maintaining contact with coaches and staff members.

In lieu of flowers, family

members asked contributions be made to the NSU Foundation with the designation of Women's Athletic Scholarship Fund.

"Loneta Graves served Northwestern State University and its students throughout her life, and helped her alma mater become a trailblazer in the history of women's intercollegiate athletics in Louisiana," said NSU director of athletics Greg Burke. "She was a remarkable woman and a friend to so many past and present in our athletics department. We'll miss her and treasure her memory and accomplishments."

She is survived by numerous nieces, nephews and their children as well as her "adopted" son, Andrew E. Nahm of New Orleans.

A Northwestern alumnae, Graves was hired in 1943 at then Louisiana Normal School as an account clerk and was appointed to a position as an accountant four years later. She

For the rest of the press release: check out www.nsudemons.com

Tulsa dominates Lady Demons on the pitch

Shana Lee
Sauce Reporter

Sunday afternoon the Lady Demon soccer team fell short 2-0 to Tulsa's aggressive offense.

The loss dropped the Lady Demons to 4-3 and Tulsa improved to 4-2-1.

"First and foremost I give Tulsa credit," Lady Demon soccer head coach Jimmy Mitchell said. "They are a good team and played very well. They took us out of what we wanted to do and made the game frustrating for us."

Mitchell added that Tulsa was the better team this game and it showed in the final score.

The game's momentum was slowed when Lady Demon Alexandria Johnson, sophomore-forward, and a Tulsa player collided while going after the ball.

AJ appeared to have endured a serious neck injury and was airlifted out of the complex in stable condition.

"Obviously our concern is with AJ," Mitchell said. "It was an unfortunate and freak accident and she came down and landed wrong."

The game resumed with 10 minutes left on the clock, but NSU could not get the ball to the goal. Tulsa had the upper hand Sunday outshooting the Lady Demons 19-3 with a 9-2 advantage in shots on goal.

At halftime the score looked to be tied 0-0, but Shelby Martin of Tulsa changed that when she scored with 35 seconds remaining in the half.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Rachel O'steen keeps control of the ball as she takes on two Tulsa defenders. The team lost 2-0 in the match against Tulsa.

At the 54 minute mark Stephanie Aitken scored putting Tulsa up 2-0.

"We just came out here and the team worked really hard," junior-fielder Theresa Halle said. "We tried to put it together. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough but you know what, we are a team and we'll come back next Friday and show them what's up."

Despite the team not playing as well as they hoped, they realized some of the things they need to work

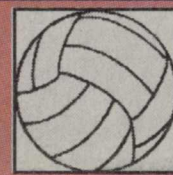
on before the start of conference play.

"We're hoping to peak for conference coming up in a couple of weeks so this was definitely a learning experience," senior-fielder Meghan Hunter said.

The Lady Demons are focusing on the upcoming game as they host Southern Mississippi this Friday in the Lady Demon Soccer Complex at 7 p.m.



NSU Volleyball
Holiday Inn Express Classic
Prather Coliseum Sept. 16-17
For game coverage visit nsudemons.com



Congratulations

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*To become an official Fresh Campus member please attend the training meeting on September 20th from 5-6 in the Student Union room 221.



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Students vote on senators, pass SGA bills

Taylor Graves
News Editor

The Student Government Association held an election for class senators and three legislative referendums last week.

Brittany McConathy and John Wynn were elected as Freshman Class Senators out of four candidates. Both the Freshman and Junior Class Senators will have a runoff this week to fill the rest of the positions.

Garrett Pierce and Kharhyzma Nelson will run for the final Freshman Class Senator position. The Junior Class Senator runoff will include Kenneth Brown, Raven Maxile, Robin Maxile and Lauren Peters to fill all three of the senator positions.

Filling the student senate is important to continue student government work throughout the year.

"I'm looking forward to getting the Senate up to its full capacity in order to be able to accomplish some

great things for our students and university," Tara Luck, SGA President, said.

The Senate runoffs will take place Wednesday and Thursday in the Student Union from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students can also vote online at secure.nsula.edu/SGAVoting anytime before the Thursday 4 p.m. deadline.

Students also voted on three referendums, which were all passed.

"These referendums will make things easier for students to get more involved," Ellie Spain, SGA Senator at Large, said. "This also means that it shows exactly what SGA will do, so when we do it, students will have more faith in us."

The first referendum passed allowed a change to Article III of the student Constitution to allow a non-voting representative to be added to the SGA with the job description of attending Student Activities Board meetings.

The second bill passed during the election added officers to the SGA

Cabinet. The SGA Secretary will now be the clerk of the Cabinet and keep records of the minutes. The President will also appoint a student or faculty member to the Cabinet.

"This will give the President a better idea of what's going on with NSU at large," Spain said.

The final bill will make SGA Bylaws more understandable to students. From now on, the election codes will be written in a handbook and available to all students wanting to run for SGA positions. The handbook will be written in simpler and more upfront language than how it is currently written in the Bylaws.

Luck and the SGA were happy with the turn-out of students who voted and hope students will come back to vote for the runoff elections.

"It is always important to be involved in your elections to see positive changes here at NSU," Luck said.



Photo by Katie Beverly / The Current Sauce

Students stood in line at the Student Government Association election booths to vote for class senators, SGA bills, Honor Court and Mr. and Miss NSU this past Wednesday and Thursday. All elections can also be voted online. All bills were passed and a Honor Court and Mr. NSU was selected. A runoff will be held to choose the remaining class senators and Miss NSU.

Alumna starts scholarship with \$60,000 donation

Taylor Graves
News Editor

First generation college students are receiving support from a fellow Demon through an endowed scholarship in the amount of \$100,000.

Ida Emily Simpson, a Northwestern alumna, donated \$60,000 to the mass communication program this semester. Louisiana state funds matched Simpson's donation with \$40,000 to create the endowed scholarship.

"Ms. Simpson was delighted with the prospect of creating this scholarship for first generation students and knowing that her contribution was enhanced so much by the match," Drake Owens, director of University Advancement and executive director of the NSU Foundation, said.

The Ida Emily Simpson First Generation Endowed Scholarship will benefit all students pursuing a communications degree with a concentration in mass communications.

"I think it's good someone donated money for mass communication because I haven't seen many scholarships just for that," Alexis Reliford, freshman mass communication major, said.

As a freshman, Reliford has four years of journalism education ahead of her, and this scholarship could be a helpful tool during the upcoming years.

"It would be something I'm very interested in applying for," she said. "I would use it for tuition, fees, books and all other education expenses."

JC Bryant, a junior mass communication major, also sees the aid the endowed scholarship could provide.

"I would use it so I can quit work-

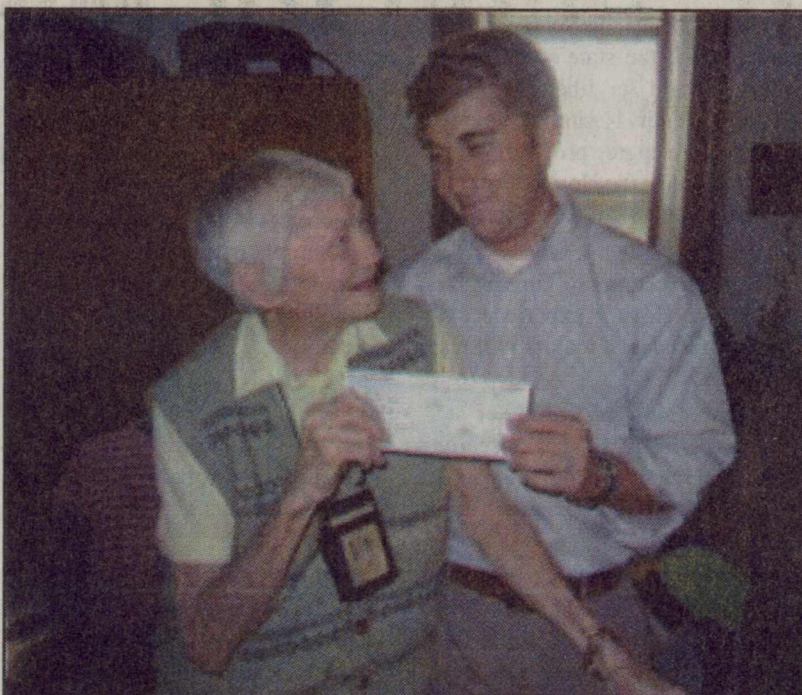


Photo by News Bureau

Ida Emily Simpson presented a donation to Drake Owens, Director of University Advancement to start a scholarship for first generation college students in the mass communication field.

ing because it is having a negative impact on my grades," Bryant said.

Both Reliford and Bryant chose Northwestern to begin their journalism careers, and the scholarship could be a way to help make their dreams come true.

"I want to write for a magazine," Reliford said. "I like reading and have a passion for writing so I thought a magazine was a perfect fit."

Bryant also has a passion for journalism, which the endowed scholarship could help to support.

"I always liked media, communication and public speaking," he said. "And I feel like journalism reflects all of those interests."

As a health and physical education graduate, Simpson enlisted in the Army after graduation and served

during World War II. After the war, she was able to focus on her first passion, journalism. She was stationed around the world and worked with military newspapers and public information offices.

Simpson retired in July 1964 and now lives in Washington D.C. She has supported Northwestern throughout the years with donations for the journalism and military science programs.

Her latest contribution will help more journalism students throughout their education careers.

"It would be really nice to get money [for being a mass communication major], because I am a good student and make good grades," Bryant said. "It would also allow me to focus more on my school work, which is most important."

Mr. NSU elected; two in runoff for Miss NSU

Taylor Graves
News Editor

The student body voted on the 2011-2012 Mr. and Miss NSU this past Wednesday and Thursday.

Jackson McNeal was chosen as Mr. NSU after being nominated by four Recognized Student Organizations.

"By receiving this honor, I can only feel accomplished in my contributions to the university and hope I influence someone the same way I have been," McNeal, senior health and exercise science major, said.

McNeal was chosen out of two candidates and won with a majority of the student votes.

Maegan Morace and Arielle Craige won runoff positions for Miss NSU out of six candidates.

Since there was not a majority for Miss NSU, the two women with the highest number of votes received runoff positions, Ellie Spain, SGA Senator at Large, said.

The opportunity to be Miss NSU

is very special to both Morace and Craige.

"I want to be Miss NSU because I would love to represent Northwestern State," Morace said. "This school has molded me into what I am today, and I think it would be a neat way to wrap up my senior year."

Craige said: "I would love to have the opportunity to represent our school with such a high honor. It would also be a personal honor to be able to pay tribute to my ill grandmother and be able to follow in her footsteps."

The Miss NSU runoff election will be held Wednesday and Thursday in the Student Union from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students can also vote online at secure.nsula.edu/SGAVoting anytime before the Thursday 4 p.m. deadline.

Receiving the title of Mr. and Miss NSU is a highly respected honor that has been NSU tradition since 1956. Each fall semester the student body elects two new students who they think best represents the qualities and attributes of NSU.

Homecoming Week Schedule

Some of the events for Homecoming Week include the following:

President Homecoming Reception

Thursday, Oct. 13
Friday, Oct. 14

Homecoming Golf Lunch and Scramble

Friday, Oct. 14
12:00 p.m.

Homecoming Concert

Friday, Oct. 14
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Homecoming Game

Saturday, Oct. 15
6 p.m.

Oct. 1 deadline to apply for tuition hardship

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The deadline for students to apply for a Financial Hardship Waiver is Oct. 1.

The Tuition Hardship Waiver provides a tuition exemption to eligible Louisiana students for the increase in tuition along with the cost of the Academic Excellence Fee and the Operational Fee.

Students must complete the application and meet all criteria in order to be eligible. They must be a full-

time student, a Louisiana resident and maintain continuing academic eligibility for federal financial aid. In addition, the students must qualify for Pell grant as determined by the United States Department of Education.

The waiver cannot be used in connection with other scholarships that exempt the same fees.

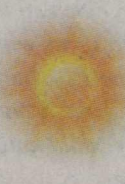
Students can download a 2011-2012 application for a Tuition Hardship Waiver by visiting financialaid.nsula.edu/tuition-hardship-waiver.

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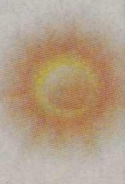
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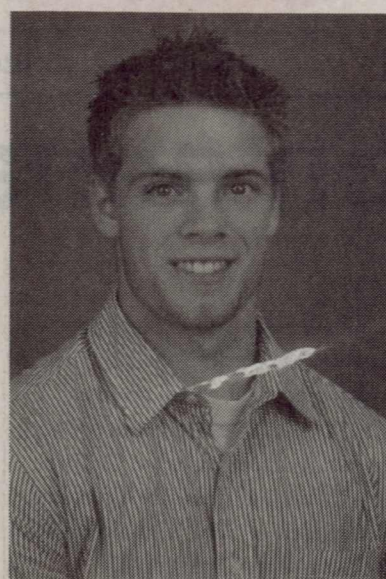
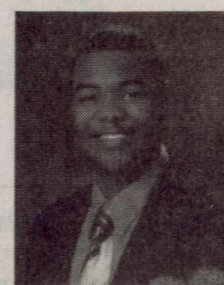
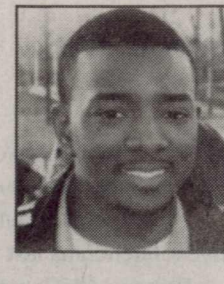


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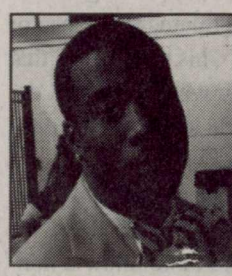
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2011 Honor Court

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Honor Court KingAustin
McCannCameron
TillmanCJ
JohnsonJackson
McNealJD
HaddenKevin
BlakeMegan
CullenShannon
ByrdTiffany
Hudson

The 2011 Honor Court was voted on by the student body last Wednesday and Thursday. For a student to be a Honor Court candidate, he or she must have three Registered Student Organizations nominate them. To be selected as a Court member, there has to be a majority of votes. After the majority is calculated, the female and male candidate with the most votes is elected as Honor Court King and Queen. The King, Queen and Court will be presented at the 2011 Homecoming football game on Oct. 15 during halftime.

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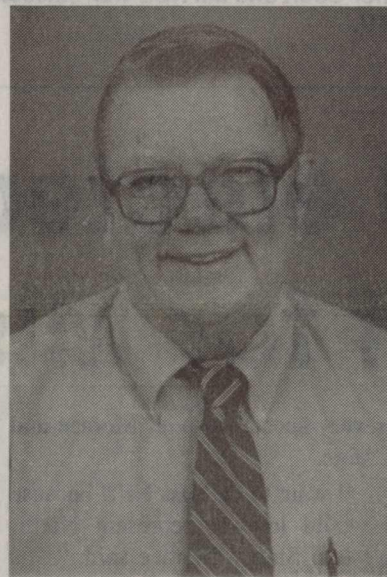
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A one-year appointment has turned into a 50-year career at Northwestern State University for Professor of Anthropology Dr. Hiram F. "Pete" Gregory.

"I'm pleased to have been able to be here for such a length of time," said Gregory, who began working at Northwestern on Sept. 15, 1961. "I am grateful to have good health and to have so many good friends over the years. I came here when I was 23 as a temporary instructor and planned to go back to LSU for graduate school. I liked it here, then a position opened up in anthropology and geography and I stayed."

He is believed to be the longest-serving employee in Northwestern's 127-year history, working at the institution for almost 40 percent of its tenure. Gregory has taught thousands of Northwestern students who have gone on to be anthropologists, archeologists, nurses, teachers, businesspeople, professionals and even university presidents.

"Having had a good fortune of taking anthropology under Dr. Gregory when I was a student at North-



western, I can attest to his teaching excellence and caring concern for students," Dr. Webb said. "But his influence extends far beyond the walls of Northwestern, to include work with professional organization, colleagues in the field, and constituent groups in need of information or assistance. He is an exceptional professional and person, and Northwestern is a far better place for his presence on our faculty and faithful service for 50 years. It will be even

For rest of the story and other NSU information, visit the Current Sauce website at www.nsucurrentsauce.com.

NSU begins honors program
for freshmen this semester

NSU News Bureau

Northwestern State University is implementing an Honors Program this semester to give outstanding students the opportunity to enrich their academic experience, study topics in greater depth and improve their leadership skills.

Students enrolled in the Honors courses will participate in research and projects in addition to regular coursework, which administrators hope will engage them in their disciplines and get them excited about research.

"Taking the Honors courses shows that the student has done extra work. It's more intensive but it's also more enriching. The students have more contact with the faculty and the courses can be more accelerated," said Dr. Betsy Cochran, director of the University Honors Program.

Honors courses will be designated with an H on students' transcripts and they will graduate with a special designation.

"The designation indicates a serious student who works independently. The courses also engage the

students' interest, which is important for retention."

Unlike Louisiana Scholars' College at NSU, the state's designated honors college for liberal arts and sciences, the new Honors Program is not a separate degree program; however, students in the Honors Program may take Honors courses offered by the Scholars' College.

Honors sections of core classes and special Honors experiences in courses in students' majors will also be offered.

Honors courses will offer students experience in lab research, service learning and other projects to supplement the coursework of a regular class.

The Honors experience and transcript designation is intended to give students a head start on skills they would need in pursuing advanced degrees and/or be competitive in the job market following graduation.

Academic areas offering Honors coursework this semester are the School of Business, the Department of Biology, the Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts, the Depart-

ment of Psychology and the College of Nursing and Allied Health.

More academic departments are developing Honors curricula to be offered in the future.

Dr. Susan Thorson-Barnett and her colleagues in the Department of Psychology worked for over a year to coordinate the Honors components she plans to implement in her Psychology 1010 class this semester that will be tied to a service learning project.

"The Honors students will follow the same grading scale and take the same tests as the rest of the students, but their coursework will have a research component," Thorson-Barnett said.

"We will meet every two weeks. First, the students will learn about the project, then we will meet at the library to learn to find resources in scholarly journals.

"Over the course of the semester, the students will write a group research paper and will work in groups of two to create informational posters they will present to the class before Thanksgiving."

Thorson-Barnett's project will ex-

pose the freshmen Honors students to concepts normally presented to upperclassmen.

"We want them to be able to present the research during next spring's Research Day and we hope we can continue the project and tie it in with service learning and present at the spring Serving Learning conference," she said.

To be eligible for the Honors Program, freshmen must have a composite score of 25 or higher on their ACT and a grade point average of 3.2 or higher.

Provisional admission is available for students who have an ACT score of 25 or higher and a 3.0 grade point average, and for students with a 24-25 on the ACT and a grade point average of 3.2 or higher.

Transfer and continuing students must have a 3.25 grade point average and have completed 30 hours of coursework.

For more information on the NSU Honors Program, log on to honors.nsula.edu or contact Cochran at (318) 357-4575 or e-mail cochran@nsula.edu.

Student Messenger Bulletin Board

2011 Argus available

On Wednesday, September 21, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Argus staff members will be distributing copies on the first floor of Kyser Hall. If you can't make it then, stop by The Writing Center, 335 Kyser, Monday - Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to get your copy. If you have any questions, contact Argus Editor Marcus Lee at argus@nsula.edu or 357-5575.

Donate used items to NSU

Department of Health and Human Performance needs your old ink jets, laser toners, Ipods, laptops and cell phones. Proceeds go back to NSU through Health Promotion and Health Education activities for faculty, staff and students. For more information, contact Cory Lacek at clacek001@student.nsula.edu.

Operation Homefront

Donate non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving holiday for military families in Louisiana who are struggling. The collection will take place until Nov 12. Collection bins are located in: Morrison Hall student lounge, costume shop in CAPA building and South Hall's main lobby. For more information, contact Megan Guidry at mguidry002@student.nsula.edu

National Student Exchange

The NSE allows you to attend another school for a semester or a year. The deadline for applying for exchange for 2012-2013 will be early in spring 2012 semester. For more information, contact Dr. Keith Dromm at drommk@nsula.edu.

NSU Police
BlotterReports from the NSU
police station from
Sept 14 - 19

September 14

1:05 p.m. - Traffic accident west of Prather Stadium

2:15 p.m. - Bike was stolen

1:09 a.m. - Police escort requested at field house due to vehicle damage

September 15

7:45 a.m. - Student was stung in their room on campus, filing report

3:50 p.m. - Fire alarm at Kyser Hall

3:58 p.m. - Natchitoches Fire Department on scene

4:15 p.m. - Fire alarm reset

5:30 p.m. - Stolen cell phone at the WRAC

5:50 p.m. - Police arrive at WRAC

6:00 p.m. - Subject left phone on bleachers

7:01 p.m. - Phone has been retrieved

11:22 p.m. - Police advised students at University Columns of complaint and to cease actions, and if they had to come back further actions would be taken

September 16

8:30 p.m. - Call from the Natchitoches Central High School football game requesting to speak with a City officer or a sheriff deputy about an incident at the game. Contacted City police so they could notify an officer at the game.

8:50 p.m. - City PD called back

and advised that he spoke with the gentlemen and advised him that he had to file the report with campus police

September 18

2:49 a.m. - Subject called in reference to loud noises in apartment in University Columns

2:51 a.m. - Police arrive at apartment and about 20 people in apartment

3:15 a.m. - The resident of the apartment showed up and had just gotten back in town. The apartment was cleared out without incident

September 19

8:40 a.m. - Anonymous call-in reported seeing police cars run a stop sign in front of housing off Tarlton

8:50 a.m. - Call-in reported wreckless driving by someone in a Toyota Echo, silver

SAB demon cash kart



Submitted photos from SAB

Student Activities Board hosted Demon Cash Kart on Monday.

The event was a play on Discovery Channel's 'Cash Cab.' Members of the Student Activities Board drove NSU golf carts around campus selecting students to participate in Northwestern trivia games. Students were given the opportunity to earn prizes after correctly answering questions about the university.

Pictured above is SAB event host, Chelsea Giles with a winner of 'Demon Cash Kart' and to the right are two participants in the event.



McNeal named Mr. NSU, Honor Court member

Compiled by
Yvette Wagoner
Life editor

What's your major?

Health and Exercise Science with a concentration in Pre-Physical Therapy

Hometown?

Jennings, La.

Why did you decide to come to NSU?

I came to NSU because of the group of great friends I had coming here. After I toured the campus, I knew instantly this was the place I would end up. Also, I was always told of the high success turn out with the Pre-Physical Therapy program from the university.

What do you like most about NSU?

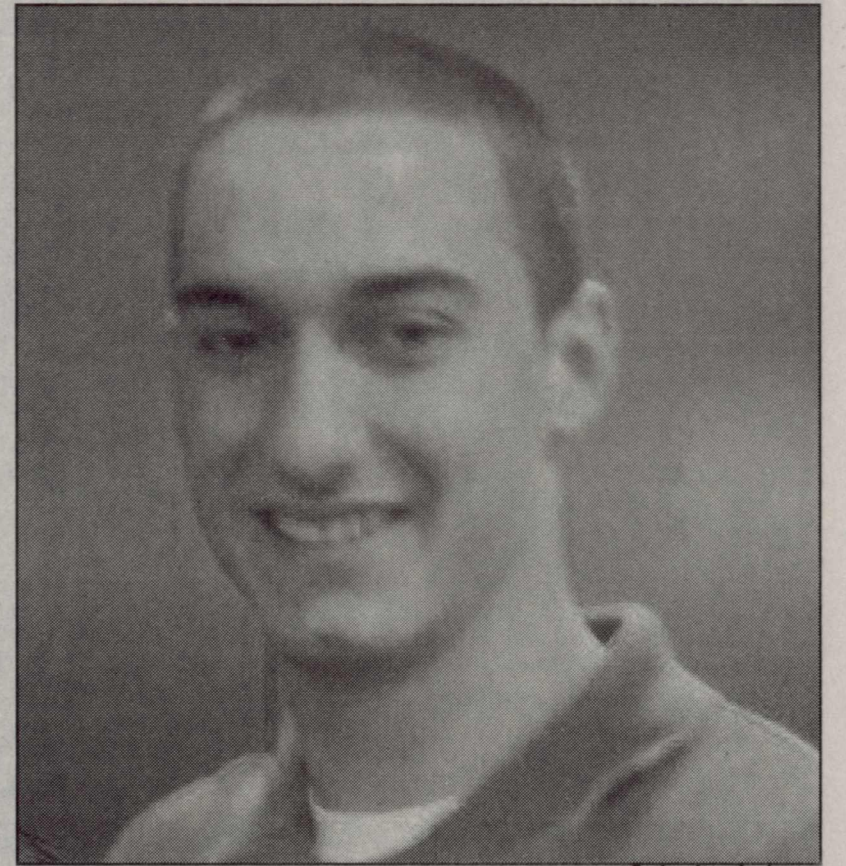
NSU is probably the friendliest campus in Louisiana that I have experienced. There is always someone willing to help you get involved. The number one thing that stands out the most and that I am grateful for is the faculty. They are reasonable and are always willing to help out the students whenever possible.

What would you like to say to the NSU students?

The message I would want to send NSU students would be, live your college days to the fullest; cherish every moment of it. It is most certainly the best time of your lives so far. And last but not least, never be content with average, because average is just as close to the bottom as it is to the top!

What will you miss most about NSU?

I know already there will be so many things I will miss about this univer-



Jackson McNeal

Submitted photo

sity. The most important thing will probably be all of the relationships I have made in the past few years and also all of the sporting events that have helped develop my Demon pride for the university.

What are you excited for during Homecoming?

Homecoming is always a great time of the year. I'm excited about the entire Homecoming Week. I have full faith in SAB to present another great week of events.

What do you feel is your biggest accomplishment at NSU so far?

I feel like my biggest accomplish-

ment is the dramatic change I have made from high school. That includes my grades, the social aspect of my life, service work etc. That initial change in me has helped me branch out and make a change in different organizations I have had my hand in and even some I haven't.

What are your plans after graduation?

Graduation still feels a ways away, but I have opened many doors to my future and have many friends and family that have helped me along this journey. What I do all depends on the timing. I have full faith that when the time presents itself, I will head right where I need to go.

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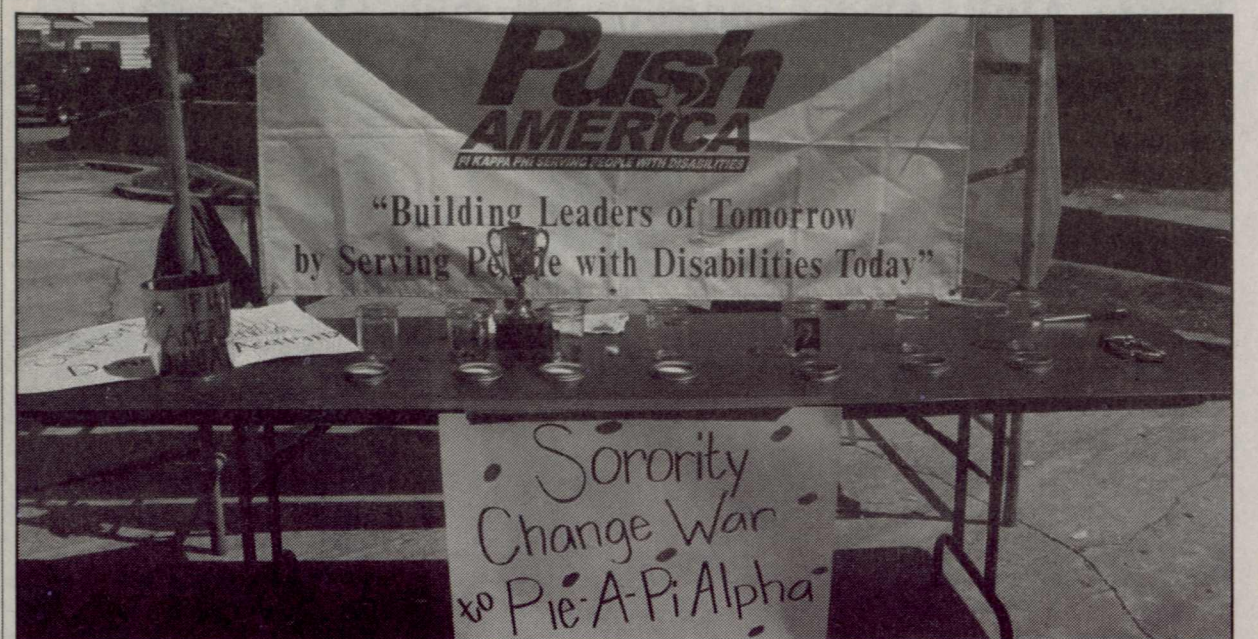
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Members of Pi Kappa Phi during their scaffold sit for Push America. (Left to right) Top: Kolt Kays, Ryan Jeffords Middle: John Simar, Christopher Alley, Nick Nguyen Bottom: Scott Mayeaux, Chase Harvey



The gentlemen of the Beta Omicron chapter of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity hosts an annual scaffold sit to raise money and awareness for Push America.

Founded in 1977, this philanthropy instills lifelong service in the fraternity members and serves people with disabilities.

The scaffold sit started Monday at 5 p.m. and will end Wednesday at 5 p.m. (48 hours total)

The men take shifts sitting on top of the scaffold to collect money from students, members of the community and even passersby.

The men are also hosting a 'Penny Wars' with the women of the College Panhellenic Council, with the winner's prize being to pie a Pi Kappa Phi member in the face.

The three members of Pi Kappa Phi who are up for being pied in the face are: Chase Harvey, Cameron Moises and Christopher Alley

This is the third year that the fraternity has participated in this event and plan to continue the tradition annually.

Miss NSU run-off election; voting online or at Student Union



Maegan Morace

What's your major?

hospitality management and tourism.

What is your hometown?

Jena, La.

Why do you want to be Miss NSU?

I want to be Miss NSU because I would love to represent Northwestern State. This school has molded me into what I am today and I think it would be a neat way to wrap up my senior year.

Why did you choose NSU?

I decided to come to NSU at an early age. My godparents would bring me to Natchitoches to see the Christmas lights and then when I got older I always wanted to come to the town that already was special to me.

What do you like most about NSU?

The thing I like most about NSU is that I am not just a number here. I know my teachers and other faculty and there is always someone to say hello to in the hall.

What do you want to say to NSU students?

To the NSU students I would say you have picked a great school. I am so sad that I am a senior so

enjoy every single moment because it flies by. I would also say to get involved! Jump into everything that interests you, even if it's not what you are used to.

This is a time to try on all different hats to see what you want to do with the rest of your life. Getting involved makes your college experience so much better and creates and opportunity to give back to the university while growing as a young adult.

What will you miss most about NSU?

The thing I will miss most about NSU is my sorority, Sigma Sigma Sigma and Greek life in general. My sorority has completely changed my life. I had no idea what I was missing until I became part of Sigma's sisterhood. I have been truly blessed to have 85 sisters backing me up and encouraging me throughout my college experience.

What excites you about Homecoming?

The whole Homecoming Week is so much fun! I love all the festivities throughout the week: Greek competitions, parade, pep rally and of course the game- I love everything about it.

If I had to choose, my favorite

would have to be the game. I love football and the Demons come alive especially at Homecoming because there are even more people in the stands cheering since alumni come back to their alma mater.

What is your biggest accomplishment at NSU?

My biggest accomplishment so far has been getting voted onto the Homecoming Court! I was so honored to even be nominated and then completely excited when I got on with my Sigma little Sis and grandlittle sis. So thanks to Sigma, IFC, freshman connection, CPC and ASA for making that possible.

What are your plans after graduation?

After college I have so many dreams and plans to accomplish. I would love to be in a quick-pace job in marketing or advertising in a bigger city. I want to get my masters probably back here at NSU. I want to travel, possibly become a Sigma advisor, and of course way later get married and be a mom!

I have thoroughly enjoyed NSU and I plan on coming back to check on my Sigma girls and enjoy reunions. My Demon pride runs deep- Go Demons!



Arielle Craige

What's your major?

Business Administration major with a minor in Computer Information System (CIS).

What is your hometown?

New Orleans, La.

Why do you want to be Miss NSU?

I would love to have the opportunity to represent our school with such a high honor. It would also be a personal honor to be able to pay tribute to my ill grandmother and be able to follow in her footsteps. She was given the opportunity and represented her university with the same honor back in 1959. I know she would be proud if I were able to keep her tradition and memory alive!

Why did you decide to come to NSU?

I wanted to get the experience of something different than the fast pace of "The Big Easy." When I visited Natchitoches on Senior Day, I fell in love with the quaint atmosphere that this town offers and decided to take the chance to experience a different scenery.

What do you like most about NSU?

Most of all I like the people of NSU. Ever since I was a freshman back in 2008, if I ever needed any-

thing I always had a great support system within my advisors, staff and faculty and of course my friends. Is there anything you would like to say to the NSU students?

I would love to thank the student body for even being considered to be put on the Homecoming 2011 ballot to begin with. There were a lot of great leaders on the ballot and to be chosen for the run-offs is an amazing feeling. I appreciate all my supporters and am very grateful to be given this chance to represent our school.

What will you miss most about NSU?

After I graduate NSU, I think I will miss having the life of an undergraduate the most: studying in Watson until the student worker announces it's about to close, walking to Russell Hall and sitting in the court yard in-between classes, doing community service with Helping Hands and other great RSOs, and being able to sit in Vics and hang with friends. The whole experience that I have had at NSU will always be remembered and definitely missed.

What are you excited for during Homecoming?

Football! I cannot wait until the

game. The smell of BBQ, sound of great music during tailgating and then going to sit in the stands watching the Demons take us to victory will be great! I know the day will be filled with fun for everyone.

What do you feel is your biggest accomplishment at NSU so far?

I feel that my greatest accomplishment at NSU thus far would have to be making it on either the President's List or the Dean's list every semester since my very first semester back in 2008. This is such a great accomplishment to me because not only did I achieve this, I did it while being very active on campus by sitting on executive boards and being a member of multiple RSOs, but also while holding three jobs at one point. I feel that this accomplishment is definitely an example of being a well rounded student and I am very proud of that.

What are your plans after graduation?

I am currently looking for internships at financial institutions and law firms because after graduation, I plan to either start a career in accordance with my business degree or take a huge step and continue my education by going to law school. I am leaning towards law school.

Kappa Alpha Order supports Muscular Dystrophy Association, scholarship at annual golf tournament

Yvette Wagoner
Life editor

The men of Kappa Alpha Order raised \$2,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and \$500 for the Julian Foy Memorial scholarship at their 13th annual golf tournament.

The winners of the golf tournament, held at the NSU Recreation Complex Saturday, were alumni members Coke Guy, Harry Garsee, Paula Ray and Joe Beasley.

The Julian Foy Memorial scholarship is in memory of Kappa Alpha brother, Julian Foy, who passed in the early 2000s.

The \$500 academic scholarship is awarded to the Kappa Alpha Order new member of Gamma Psi chapter who has the highest grade point average for the fall semester.

Kappa Alpha Order annually



supports their philanthropy, Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Forty members of Kappa Alpha Order, including active and alumni members, participated and entered the golf tournament.

The event organizer was Brenden Guthrie, junior Computer Information Systems major.

"What I enjoyed most about

the golf tournament was all of the [Kappa Alpha] brothers and alumni coming together to support MDA," he said.

To set up and run the tournament were 17 prospective members and 16 active members.

One of those who helped was Justin Benefield, junior General Studies major.

"After all the hard work that went into it, there was nothing like getting to play 18 holes again with the older guys that gave me their time and taught me everything I know about KA," he said.

Four men were allowed to be on a team, thus forming 10 teams.

President of Kappa Alpha Order Ryan Pang said, "It's a great time of year for us because this is the time that we have new members, and it's a great time for them to meet the alumni and share crazy stories together."



Photo by Katie Beverly

'New Faces'

New freshmen majors in the Creative and Performing Arts Department annually participate in showcase of talent known as New Faces. Upperclassmen coach the new talent, whose production is open to the public. This year's performance on Monday had a full audience at A.A. Fredricks Auditorium and featured about 40 students.

Upcoming Creative and Performing Arts events:

'The Wiz'

October 19-22

7:30 p.m.

\$15 for adults, \$12 Senior Citizens over 65
FREE for NSU student with student ID card
Reservations not required for this production

'Importance of Being Earnest'

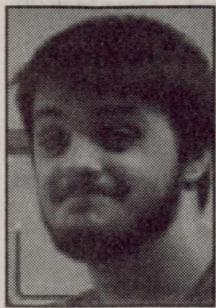
November 3-5 and November 9-12

7:30 p.m.

\$15 for adults, \$12 Senior Citizens over 65
FREE for NSU student with student ID card
Reservations are required for this production

Rants : Flying Off the Handle with Flyers

Tom H. Lawler
Staff Columnist



Ever since I was a freshman here I have received considerable amusement from the heaps and hordes of

flyers found in many locations throughout our campus. This amusement ranges from humorous curiosity to blatant silliness to outright puzzlement over the content, both words and images, on said flyers.

My paramount and preferred example is the nightclub posters, flyers, and leaflets. Every week these tiny reminders of parties infiltrate the cafeterias, the union, our vehicles, our dorms, and our lofty halls of learning.

My personal view is that though these flyers stand out in absurdity, they are slightly more practical than they appear. Slightly.

I would imagine my fascination of these flyers stems from my fascination of people. However I can also attest to the fact that I have never in my academic career been a witness to such an event. So for me and maybe for you, dear reader, these are like a keyhole-view to a future Friday night never attended.

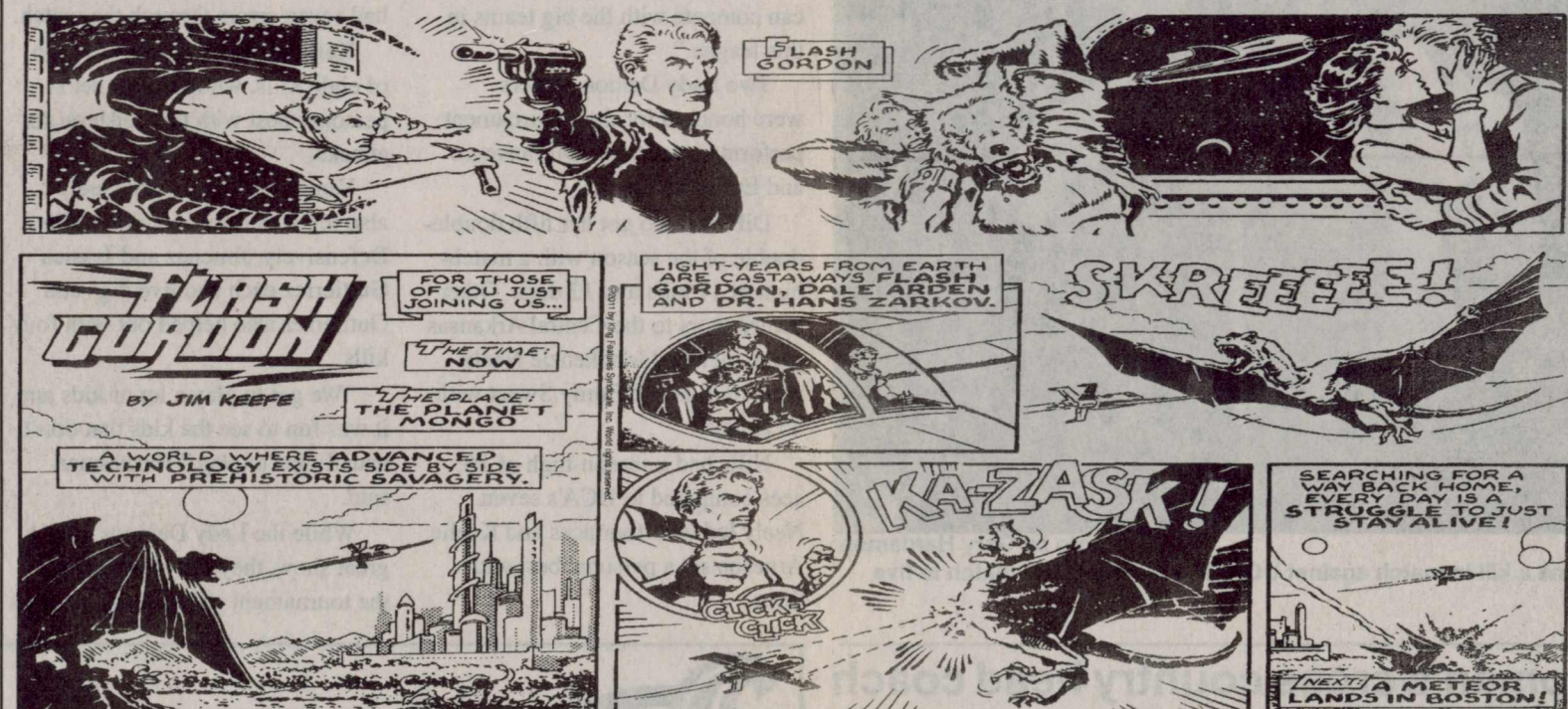
So can it really be that an attractive woman floating on bubbles and pouring champagne on to a BMW surrounded by stacks of money has been waiting for me to show up all this time? I would not think so. Otherwise she will be severely upset with me by this point.

Yet, it seems that no one questions this whimsical ludicrousness. Either these flyers have gained mass acceptance (otherwise known as 'cool') across campus, or the silly nature of these flyers has become an unnoticeable and an unfunny staple in our daily lives as students.

While the images and phrases make me chuckle, what bewilders me is that *does everyone on our campus see themselves in this way?* If you think that hanging out in cafeteria all day, living in a dorm or apartment, struggling with your education or ignoring it altogether is glamorous, then I believe you are sorely mistaken.

This is because nothing in a student's life is glamorous, no matter what the popular culture may tell you. Though hopefully on our way to the big time, we haven't made it yet. Nevertheless, these flyers give us something to look forward to or distract us from our daily drudgery.

True, some of us may be majoring in fraternity or sorority with a minor in alcohol or a concentration in social engagements. Still, these flyers do serve a purpose. They inform of us of our surroundings and let us know of how the weekend is going to celebrate us into the new week. This is the absurdity and practicality of nightclub flyers.



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



He gets my vote: Rock Nowlin

Ruth Wisher
Sauce Columnist



The State Representative race is less than a month away and I want to tell you, my fellow students, why I will vote for Rick Nowlin

to serve his second term as District 23 Representative.

I had the privilege of working this past legislative session in the State Capitol. While there, I was able to see firsthand the respect and admiration that Representatives, Senate Members, and others who work at the Capitol have for him.

I believe in facts and proof, so I want to give you information that I believe shows the character of this man. Nowlin has owned and operated businesses in Natchitoches for about 30 years. He is the owner of N&A Inc., Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors and has also owned restaurants and other businesses at his Ducourmau Townhouse location in downtown Natchitoches.

I believe this shows that Nowlin has the ability to successfully lead. In 2010, Nowlin was chosen as one of the 40 legislators nationwide to receive a Henry Toll Fellowship from the Council of State Governments. What a tremendous honor!

Rep. Nowlin serves on several committees including: Ways and Means Committee; Joint Committee on Capital Outlay; Municipal, Parochial, and Cultural Committee; and Health and Welfare.

Nowlin currently serves as the Vice Chair for the Health and Welfare Committee which is a big accomplishment for a first-term Representative.

The Louisiana Primary Care Association presented Nowlin the Charles I. Hudson Memorial Award last year for outstanding service in health care and legislative leadership on behalf of Louisiana's Health Centers. He also received an award last year from the Natchitoches Parish Chamber of Commerce for support of Taxpayer Fairness Bills and was presented a Business Champion Award from the Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Louisiana.

I believe people want someone they can trust, depend on and be proud of. I am proud to call Mr. Rick Nowlin my State Representative. Awards and accolades are important, but they don't vote for you. A candidate must have a love for the people they represent, and I am confident when I say that he does. I believe he has the intentions to make Natchitoches, District 23 and Louisiana the best it can be.

In 2007, when Nowlin ran his first race, I helped by making phone calls, waving signs, and handing out brochures. I was 17 at the time and could not vote, but I knew we needed a man like him serving our state. Four years later, I am 21 and I have the right to vote. We all, as adults, have the right to vote.

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top ten

Least Popular Girl Baby Names

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6. Wendy
7. Ruth
8. Patricia
9. Becky
10. Susan

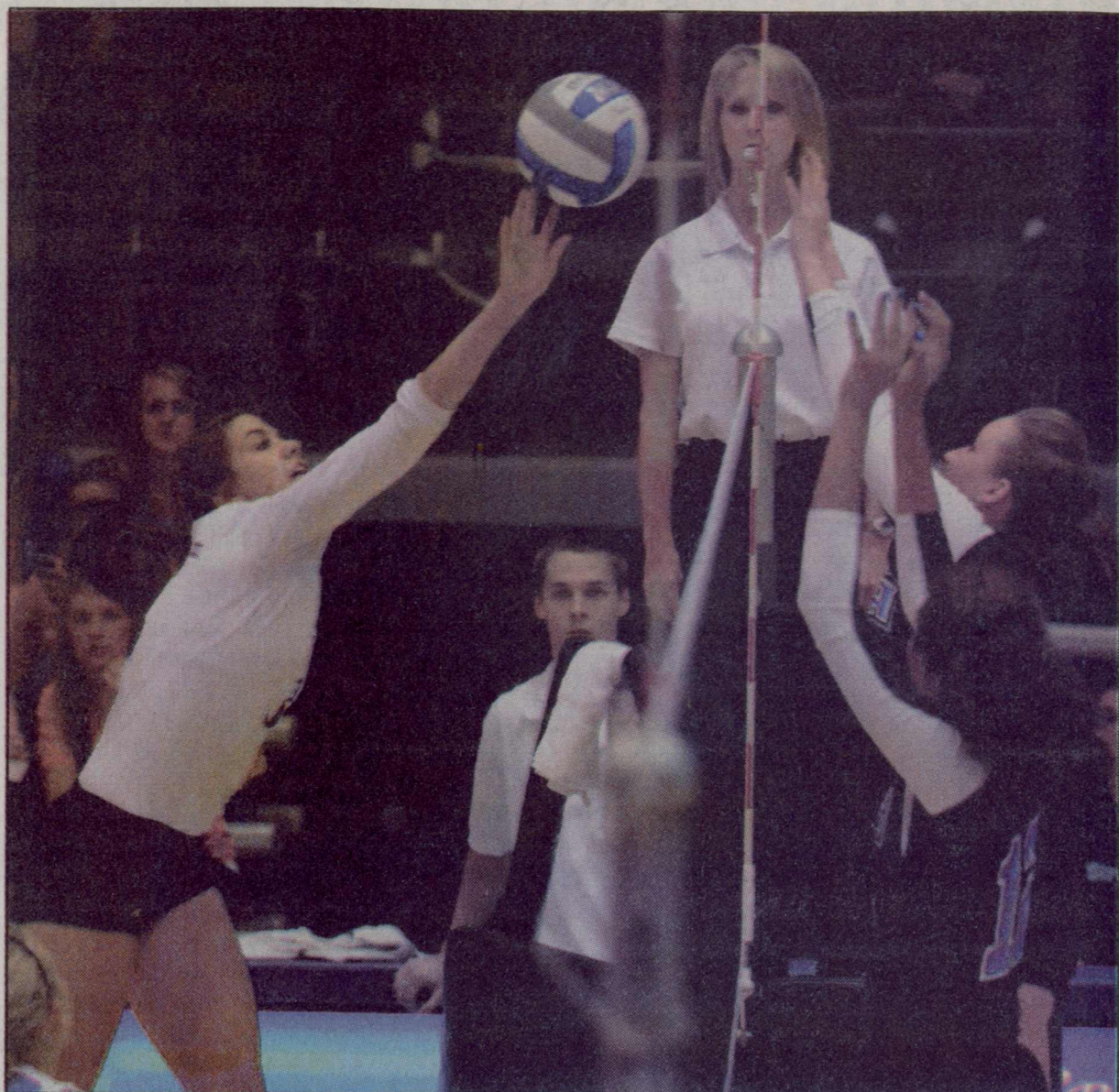
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2 Lady Demons earn All-Tournament honors at Holiday Inn Express Classic



Freshman outsider hitter Kelly Jimenez earns a kill in match against UCA. The team lost the match in five sets: 19-25, 24-26, 25-20, 25-20, 17-15.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Shana Lee
Sauce Reporter

Last Thursday night, the Northwestern State volleyball team faced the defending Southland Conference Champions in the newly renovated Prather Coliseum.

While the Lady Demons scored two match points, they could not hold off Central Arkansas as they went on to win in five sets: 19-25, 24-26, 25-20, 25-20, 17-15.

"Tonight we played at a real high level but wasn't able to pull it out," Lady Demon volleyball co-head coach Hugh Hernesman said. "It's hard to lose but we showed that we can compete with the big teams in this league."

Two Lady Demon players were honored for their tournament performance: Stacey DiFrancesco and Emily Sweet.

DiFrancesco got her fifth double-double of the season with a match-high of 17 kills and 12 digs. Other contributors to the Central Arkansas game included Mackenzie Neely with 10 kills and Emily Sweet with 45 assists.

NSU had a season-high of 16 aces compared to UCA's seven. Neely led with four aces and Keelie Arneson set a personal best with three.

"It was exciting to have our first home game. It was more comfortable to be here," DiFrancesco said. "We played more as a team the second set and calmed down and worked hard. I think we played hard, really good volleyball."

DiFrancesco explained that despite losing, it was good to show everyone that the Lady Demons can compete as a young team.

Friday night the Lady Demons slid past Alcorn State in straight sets: 25-8, 25-8 and 25-14.

Emily Johnson holds the most aces in a single match this season after her performance against Alcorn State. Also, the team hit a season best mark of .424, and only had seven errors through the match.

Kelly Jimenez had a team high of eight kills, while Joyner set a personal-best with the finish on six attacks.

Vanessa Coleman and Neely also registered seven and six kills. Defensively, Jimenez and Jessica Gutierrez each had five digs and Gutierrez also helped out with four kills.

"We got to play a lot of kids and it was fun to see the kids that don't usually get to play," Hernesman said.

While the Lady Demons gave a great show, they fell short against the tournament champions Arkansas

State Saturday afternoon in straight sets: 25-16, 25-19, and 25-12. Coleman and DiFrancesco each had six kills apiece to lead NSU offensively (3-10).

Jimenez finished with five attacks and Neely killed four and blocked two. Arneson had a game-high of 14 digs and an assist.

Sweet registered a game-high 20 assists and had two kills, two digs and an ace.

Arkansas State went undefeated in the Conference opener and also beat the reigning champions Central Arkansas.

"This conference will be a dogfight. I don't know that anyone is on top right now or anyone is truly at the bottom," said Hernesman.

"We found this out last year, it doesn't matter who's who, it's going to be a battle. Our goal is to make the conference tournament and do our best to get there."

The Lady Demons will be back in action on the road Thursday as they face Stephen F. Austin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday they will face Sam Houston State in Huntsville, Texas, at 2 p.m.

The team will in Prather Coliseum Oct. 8, when they host the Texas State Bobcats. The game will begin at 2 p.m.

NSU welcomes new women's cross country head coach

Kavolshaia Howze
Courtesy of Sports Info

Adam Malloy, who helped the James Madison 2010 women's cross country captured its first Eastern College Athletic Conference team and individual championship in ten years, is the newest addition to the Northwestern State track and field coaching staff.

Malloy, 25, enters his first year of full-time coaching to replace Heather McDaniel as the head coach for women's cross country, leading the team through its first meet at McNeese on Sept. 2 and a second place finish while senior Lawanda Perkins captured the individual title in last Saturday's Louisiana Tech Mook 4 Invitational.

In the spring, Malloy will work primarily as an assistant coach with the distance-running athletes during the indoor and outdoor track seasons. His hiring has been approved by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana system, which includes Northwestern.

"Adam has been great addition to our staff," said long-time NSU track and field head Leon Johnson. "He has great knowledge about distance running and he's doing a great job with the runners. With time, I know he could lead us to the top of the



Adam Malloy

conference."

"Adam doesn't mind getting his hands dirty," said veteran NSU head women's track and field head coach Mike Heimerman.

"He came in only days before the athletes were to report to practice and he hit the ground running and spending a lot of hours preparing the runners and we feel he's going to do well for us."

The Ephrata, Penn. native comes to Northwestern with a solid background as a student-athlete and part-time coach in the sport of distance running.

Before graduating from James Madison with a M.S. degree in Kinesiology-Sport Leadership in May, he served as a volunteer coach for

the women's cross country team. In that time, the Dukes captured several team and individual championship titles including the 2009-2010 Colonial Athletic Association steeplechase championship, 2010 CAA cross country team championship and last season's aforementioned ECAC team and individual championships.

A 2009 graduate of Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Malloy was an all-round standout student-athlete and a two-time NCAA qualifier on the cross country team.

He became the top finisher for the cross country team on many occasions and marked his name in the Marauders' record books among the top 25 all-time finishers in the 8K (13th) and 10K courses (24th). Malloy also contributed on the track, setting school records in the 4x400 and 4x800 (second), 400-meter dash (sixth), and the 800-meter dash and 3,000-meter steeplechase (tenth) and earning a spot on the 2009 All-Conference 3,000-Meter Steeplechase outdoor team.

Malloy was born July 16, 1986 to Ms. Karen Malloy. He is a member of the National Intramural-Recreation Sports Association (NIRSA) and the United States of America Track and Field (USTAF) and enjoys drawing, running, traveling and playing basketball and soccer.

Dynomite: close was never good enough for me

Jimmie Walker
Editor-In-Chief



The second week of professional football has come and gone, and it was exciting. Brees and company had their way with the Chicago Bears, Atlanta and Philly battled to the very end and even Detroit showed the world some offensive firepower by dominating Kansas City.

However, one game in particular

I was not pleased with at all. That is the late-afternoon game between the San Francisco 49ers and the Dallas Cowboys.

If you know me, you know that my favorite team is the Niners. I was extremely happy that we pummeled the defending NFC West Seahawks in week one.

I watched Sunday's game with alacrity as we discombobulated the Cowboys and looked as if we were going to easily take game. That changed in a matter of minutes.

Our two-score lead was cut in half right before the break thanks to sheer luck and Miles Austin. I didn't lose faith. Besides, we've had their num-

ber up until that point. Second half play showed more balance between both teams.

I credit this to the change in play calls for the Niners. They ran the ball less and threw more. This was a bad move. I knew it was going to come back to haunt us, and eventually it did. Somehow after strange turn of event, the Cowboys managed to tie the game and send it into overtime.

On the first Cowboys overtime play, Tony Romo completed a 77-yard pass to Jesse Holley to set up the winning field goal.

We were so close to winning two straight games. Almost is not good enough for me. Two botched plays lead to our first-certainly not last-blemish on the overall record.

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In the United States, secondhand smoke is responsible for about 46,000 heart disease deaths each year. (www.cancer.gov)

Up 'til Dawn, St. Jude Awareness Week focus on childhood cancer

Yvette Wagoner
Life editor

Do you want to take part in helping end childhood cancer?

Will you support NSU and St. Jude's efforts?

If so, Up 'til Dawn, (UTD) a NSU student-led, program in which college students raise funds and awareness for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, has a week long of events planned to raise awareness and funds for St. Jude.

Up 'til Dawn is one of the newer organizations brought to our campus only two years ago, in 2009 and has already raised over \$60,000.

There are over 180 Up 'til Dawn organizations at colleges nationwide and coins the motto "cancer doesn't sleep, so neither should we."

"The campus community is the most effective tool we can have in our efforts to unite and fight for the children who need it the most," Michael Stevenson, assistant director of Up 'til Dawn, said.

"A cure will not occur overnight, but our patience and continued commitment to help bring awareness and the necessary funds will continue to raise the survival rate of children diagnosed with cancer."

Monday, NSU students witnessed the campus' first spelling bee, "Take a Chance for a Cure," in the Student Union Alley from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The winners of the spelling bee were Ellie Spain and Arin Williams. They competed against 13 other students.

Tuesday, "Give Cancer the Boot" raised \$494.68, as members of Up 'til Dawn stood at the Student

Union traffic light collecting money from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday night, there will be "Strike out Childhood Cancer" at the Country Lanes Bowling Alley from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The cost is \$20 per person and includes three games plus bowling shoe rental. Students must register in teams of two.

Tomorrow, Up 'til Dawn encourages students to eat at Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For proceeds to go to St. Jude's, students must mention the charity when ordering.

Friday, will be an "Up 'til Dawn Open House" for students interested in learning more about the organization and joining Up 'til Dawn. Light refreshments will be served in the UTD office in the Student Union, Room 100 from noon to 2 p.m.

"Run 'til You're Done 5K" will start Saturday at the NSU Wellness and Recreation Complex from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Registration costs are \$15 for ages 13 and younger and \$20 for ages 14 and older. Each registered student receives a free T-shirt.

The week's events end Saturday with a "Carnival of Hope" tailgate from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. before the NSU vs. MSU football game.

Concessions and carnival game tickets will be sold.

McNeese State University's Up 'til Dawn organization will join the tailgate to support St. Jude.

"It's a wonderful cause and great opportunity for service hours. It is something that every student should experience during their college career," Stevenson said.



Photo by Yvette Wagoner/ Current Sauce
Pictured above are the two winners of the "Take a Chance for the Cure" Spelling Bee along with the Up 'til Dawn executive board. (Bottom Row) Left to right: Matthew Haskins, Ellie Spain, Arin Williams, Kendall Franklin, Angel Glover, Zech Jones (Top Row) Chase Powell, Michael Stephenson, Gabby Hughes, Nicole Koster, Cary Bruno



Photo by Yvette Wagoner/Current Sauce
Pictured above are Michael Stephenson, Up 'til Dawn Assistant Director, and Kendall Franklin, Logistics Chairman, as they take part collecting money at the "Give Cancer the Boot" event Tuesday at the Student Union traffic light.

Natchitoches Movie Times

Parkway Conema 6
1011 Keyser Ave.
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Abduction

PG 13
4:20 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
9:30 p.m.

Moneyball

PG 13
4:10 p.m.
6:40 p.m.
9:20 p.m.

Contagion

PG 13
4:20 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
9:30 p.m.

I Don't Know How She Does It

PG 13
7:10 p.m.

The Help

PG 13
5:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Dolphin Tale

PG
4:10 p.m.
6:50 p.m.
9:20 p.m.

Shark Night

PG 13
4:30 p.m.
9:40 p.m.

Top Ten Bizarre College Courses

<http://listverse.com/2009/09/30/top-10-bizarre-college-courses/>

1. The Phallus
Occidental College
2. The Art of Walking
Centre College, Kentucky
3. Maple Syrup: The Real Thing
Alfred University in New York State
4. Zombies
University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa
5. Philosophy and Star Trek
Georgetown University
6. The Art of Sin and the Sin of Art
The Rhode Island School of Design
7. The Joy of Garbage
Virginia Matzek of Santa Clara University
8. Stupidity
Occidental College
9. The Theology of Eating
Loyola College
10. The Unbearable Whiteness Of Barbie
Occidental College

Recipe of the Week

Chelsea Giles

Family and Consumer Science major
Concentration in Culinary Arts

Cookies and Cream Cupcakes

Yield: 24 cupcakes

Ingredients:

For the cupcakes:
24 Oreo halves, with cream filling attached
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
8 tbsp. unsalted butter, at room temperature
1 2/3 cup sugar
3 large egg whites, at room temperature
2 tsp. vanilla extract
1 cup milk
20 Oreo cookies, coarsely chopped (1 quarter them)

For the frosting:

8 oz. cream cheese, at room temperature
6 tbsp. unsalted butter, at room temperature
1 tsp. vanilla extract
4 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted
2 tbsp. heavy cream

For garnish:

Oreo cookie crumbs
24 Oreo cookie halves

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line two cupcake pans with 24 paper liners.

Place an Oreo half in the bottom of each liner, cream side up.

In a medium bowl, combine the flour, baking powder and salt; stir together with a fork to blend and set aside.

In the bowl of an electric mixer, combine the butter and sugar and beat together on medium-high speed until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes.

Blend in the egg whites one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Blend in the vanilla extract. With the mixer on low speed, beat in half of the dry ingredients just until incorporated.

Add the milk and beat just until combined, then mix in the remaining dry ingredients.

Gently fold in the chopped Oreos with a rubber spatula until evenly incorporated, being careful not to over-mix.

Evenly divide the batter between the prepared cupcake liners. Bake for 18-20 minutes, rotating the pans halfway through baking, until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Allow to cool in the pans 5-10 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

To make the frosting, combine the cream cheese and butter in the bowl of an electric mixer and beat on medium-high speed until smooth, about 1 minute.

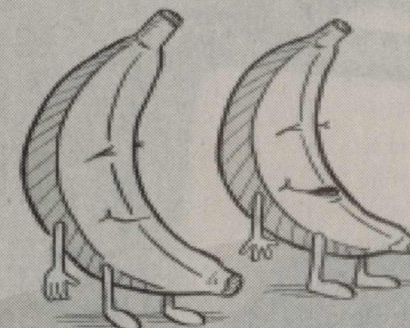
Blend in the vanilla extract. Beat in the confectioners' sugar until incorporated and smooth, 1-2 minutes.

Add the heavy cream to the bowl and beat on medium-low speed just until incorporated, then increase the speed to medium-high and whip for 4 minutes until light and fluffy, scraping down the sides of the bowl as needed.

Frost the cooled cupcakes as desired. Sprinkle with Oreo crumbs and garnish with Oreo halves.



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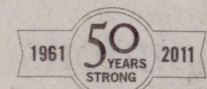
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Freshman year overwhelming

When I decided to come to Northwestern State University, my exact thoughts were, "Freedom!"

Actually attending college is something completely different.

I have this new-found freedom along with a lot of responsibilities. Having to wash your own clothes, cook your own food and wake yourself up is definitely not every teenagers dream.

As a freshman at Northwestern State, it has truly been a culture shock for me.

Coming from a 5A high school in Lafayette, LA, there was always something to do and many people to see. After my first month at Northwestern, I realized how small Natchitoches really is.

A few alumni and current students gave me the advice to stay involved by joining different clubs. In my third week of school, I decided to take advantage of this.

On top of studying for my four week tests and getting used to living on my own, I tried to juggle four different clubs.

In high school I was always very involved: national BETA club, yearbook, cheerleading, Academy of Business and Finance, a part time job and volunteer work.



"They say college is the best four years of your life, so make it worth it!"

- Kyla Winey

So naturally I thought college would be the same. This theory proved to be very wrong!

Once I started attending my classes and seeing how much work I had to put in to keep my grades up, I realized I was far from easy-going high school.

In high school it seemed like studying was only an option. You went to class, paid attention and when test time came around you were well prepared.

On the other hand, studying is mandatory in order to make above a C average in college.

I started going to the different meetings for the clubs on campus and noticed that my study habits began to deteriorate. I was spending less time on homework and more time on extracurricular activities.

I had to stand back, examine my situation and, unfortunately, scratch a few clubs off of the list.

As a first semester freshman

it was just too much to handle. I planned on joining several organizations while in college, but I've realized that I have to take it one step at a time.

My advice to all of you first semester freshman is to take it easy. Getting involved is the fun part, but make sure school work comes first and make the best of it.

They say college is the best four years of your life, so make it worth it!

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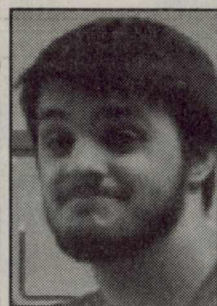
"Pick us up in about ten minutes, Ethel."

MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



"-- People I owe money to, boss ..."

Your education too generalized



Tom H Lawler
Staff Columnist

Here is what stinks: general education courses.

Most of us here have a clear idea of the things we would like to do in future career

paths, or at the very least, we know the things we like to learn about.

Despite our interests, we are forced, against logic, to take in considerable amounts of 'fluff.'

General Education (from here on out referred to as GE, or fluff) is supposed to make students intellectually well rounded and hopefully provide insight to academic paths.

My sentiment is that it only serves as an annoyance and a trap against good GPA's.

During high school and junior high, the average student takes between 25 and 35 hours of class. Additionally, most students are involved in extra curricular activities.

Therefore, it is quite likely that one would have taken several math, english, history and science classes.

So why is it that our first year and a half of a university education is spent repeating ourselves with fluff from previous years? Frustrating, is it not?

I have seen the other side of the academic pond. The reason why Asians and Europeans seem smarter is because they waist less time.

Take England, for example. After completing secondary school (similar to junior high and high school), a student then goes on to what is called 'A Levels'. At 'A Levels' you take a maximum of three or four

certain kinds of classes.

So if you prefer math, science and music, then that is ALL YOU TAKE. At a university, you only take one of your A Level classes for a major (perhaps a second as a minor).

By the time an English student is 19 years old, he or she is already well on his way to becoming an expert in Major XYZ than an American counterpart in Major XYZ.

Oh, by the way, the American, while studying XYZ, is repeating himself with ABC.

These GE classes are more likely to lower students' GPA. If a student is more passionate in chemistry than psychology, then the majority effort will undoubtedly go to the former.

Chemistry students pass introductory chemistry classes than introductory psychology classes. People try harder if it is something they enjoy.

For me, the three or so classes I have dropped or received C's in have all been fluffy tuffy GE classes.

I will provide a solution. Combine the GE classes to make more interesting interdisciplinary courses.

If chemistry and algebra were combined (after taking both separately in high school) the student would be refreshed, but also learn how things are related.

Combine American history with political science.

Or let students choose from general education courses like electives.

A four-year degree is at least one-quarter fluff.

The more one would fill a pillow or degree with fluff, then the more it lacks in supporting our brains at night, or in our future.

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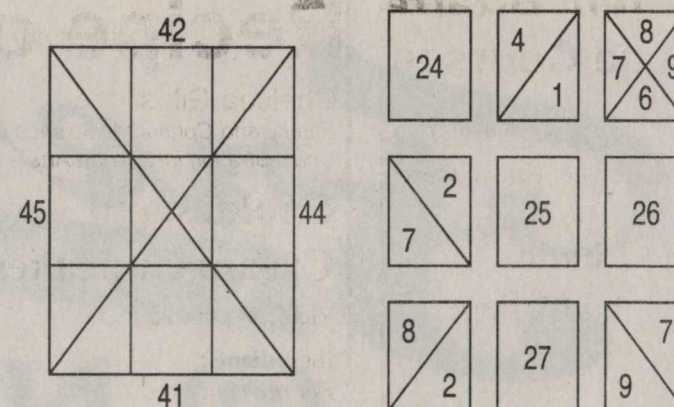
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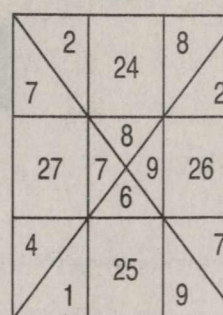
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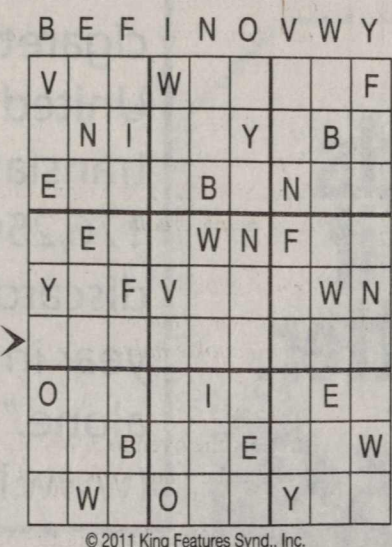
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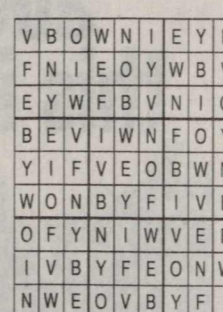
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Demon football wins back 'NSU Trophy'



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Demon receiver T.C. Henry secures a long pass from junior quarterback Brad Henderson. NSU beat Nicholls 34-0.

Jimmie Walker
Editor-in-Chief

An offensive eruption lead by quarterback Brad Henderson catapulted the Demons 34-0 over Nicholls, Saturday afternoon in Thibodaux, La.

Henderson's three-touchdown performance—all in the first quarter—helped NSU football secure its 500th victory since the program started in 1907. NSU's overall record is squared away at 2-2 and while conference record is 1-0.

The Southland Conference win was just what the team needed to turn things around after losing convincingly to LSU and SMU.

"That's a confidence booster, when you come out and put up points against a very good Nicholls defense after struggling the last two weeks against two great defenses," Henderson said. "We had a great plan, we believed in each other, and we executed pretty well."

The Demons delivered the first blow with 10:06 left on the clock when Henderson connected with

receiver JaMarcus Williams for a nine-yard touchdown pass.

The play capped off a 44-yard drive, which was sparked by an interception from Demon linebacker Derek Rose.

"As a defense we felt that we needed to come out and prove that we can be a real dominant defense within this league," Rose said.

The Colonels' next drive ended the same way with another turnover. This time, Demon cornerback Jeremy Lane forced Nicholls State's Jorda Arcement to fumble after catching a pass for Laquintin Caston.

The Demons added two more scores before the start of the second quarter. The first score came when Henderson found another target in Tucker Nims for a two-yard touchdown pass.

A quick three-and-out on the ensuing Colonel offensive drive gave the Demons one final chance to score before halftime. Henderson connected once more, this time with receiver T.C. Henry for a 48-yard strike that pushed the lead to three scores.

"Their secondary is one of their weak points and we tried to attack that a lot," Henderson said. Things were open and we were able to execute just like practice."

The Purple Swarm defense continued stifling all Colonel offensive opportunities in the second half. A fumble recovery by Rose led to more Demon points. Kicker John Shaughnessy nailed a 21-yard field goal five minutes into the third quarter.

The Demons delivered the knockout blow shortly after when Palmer scored a one-yard touchdown run.

NSU's defense held Nicholls to 12 first downs for the entire game.

The Demons improved on the ground as well, netting 206 yards on 46 total attempts. D.J. Palmer led all Demon rushers with 12 attempts for 79 yards and one touchdown. Henderson followed him with a 7-carry, 59-yard performance of his own.

The Demons' next game is at Turpin Stadium against SLC rival, McNeese State University. Kickoff is Saturday at 6 p.m.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Paul Harris was inserted into the Demon starting lineup as a true freshman. He was suspended for his misconduct during NSU's home opener.

Former starting quarterback Paul Harris reinstated to Demon squad

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Northwestern State football coach Bradley Dale Peveto said Monday he has reinstated former starting quarterback Paul Harris to the Demons' team, ending a suspension which began at halftime of NSU's Sept. 1 season-opening win over Delta State.

Harris, a junior, was indefinitely suspended for conduct detrimental to the team after outbursts on the sideline and in the locker room during halftime of the Delta State game.

He has been excluded from all team activities since he was ban-

ished to the stands by Peveto before the third quarter began on Sept. 1.

Harris, who has started 14 games including the 2011 opener for Northwestern since the last four games of his true freshman season in 2009, will be evaluated in practice this week as the Demons (2-2 overall, 1-0 in the Southland Conference) play rival McNeese State (No. 18 nationally, 2-1 overall, 1-0 in the SLC) Saturday evening at 6 in NSU's Turpin Stadium.

Junior college transfer Brad Henderson, who entered the Delta State game on the Demons' third offensive series in a pre-determined rotation,

has sparked since.

He guided NSU back from a 17-0 halftime deficit to a win over Delta State, and has completed 69 percent of his 80 passes with only one interception and four touchdowns this month. He remains the Demons' starting quarterback.

"Paul made a big mistake and has paid a big price. Paul has missed a third of our season. He has lost his starting job. He had a list of conditions and requirements to meet to

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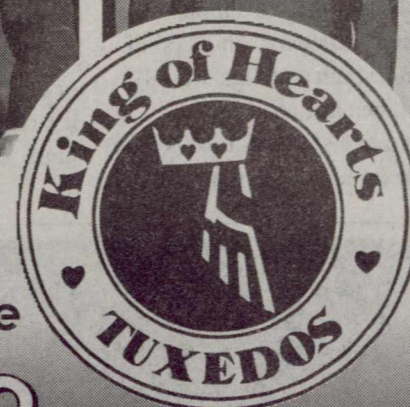
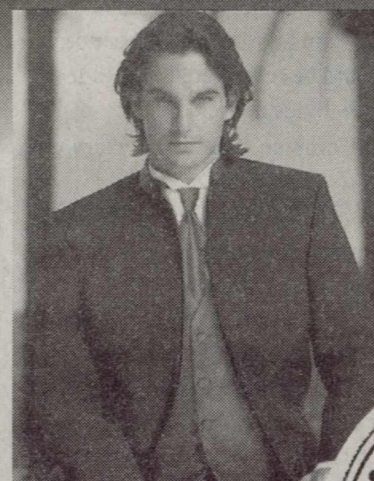
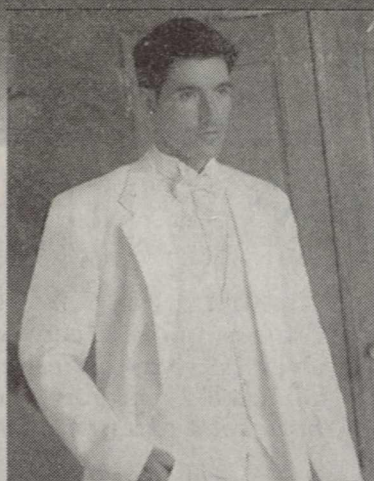
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Northwestern State alumni named to Long Purple Line

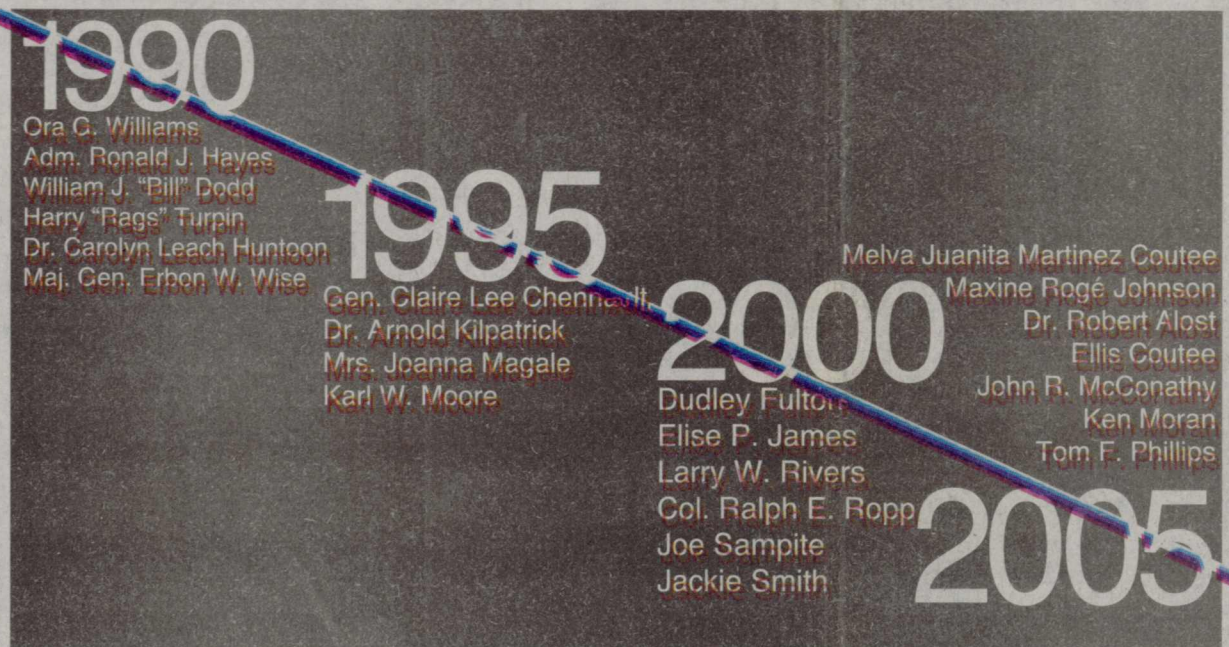
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Seven Northwestern State University alumni have been named to the NSU Alumni Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line for 2011.

This year's inductees are Don and Virginia Burkett of Many, Dr. F. Gary Cunningham of Dallas, Dr. Walter Ledet Jr. of Sulphur, Barbara Spruill Moffett and Randy Moffett of Baton Rouge and Winnie Dowden Wyatt of Grapevine, Texas. The inductees will be honored at the annual Homecoming Banquet on Friday, Oct. 14 and at the Homecoming football game against Southeastern Louisiana University on Saturday, Oct. 15. Out of more than 75,000 Northwestern State alumni, only 104 people have been chosen for this honor.

Don Burkett is a graduate of Northwestern State in political science. After obtaining a law degree, he began a legal career in Many where he served as a public defender for two years. In 1984 he was elected district attorney for Sabine and DeSoto Parishes and has been re-elected to four consecutive terms without opposition.

Burkett is a past president of the Louisiana District Attorney's Association and has served on numerous statewide boards and commissions.



Graphic by Alison Roberts

He is currently serving on the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Northwest Law Enforcement Planning Commission. He also serves as secretary for the North Louisiana Crime Lab board where he has been instrumental in obtaining funding for a state-of-the-art laboratory to be constructed adjacent to the LSU Health Sciences Center.

Don Burkett was a past recipient of the J. H. Cain Law Enforcement Award given by the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation for high moral

principles in the law enforcement community. Burkett is known as a hands-on district attorney who has successfully prosecuted hundreds of cases himself ranging from drug charges to capital murders. Don and Virginia Burkett have both been active in community and church affairs and host an annual NSU recruiting function.

Virginia Burkett received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Northwestern and her doctoral degree in forestry from Stephen F. Austin State University. She is chief

scientist for global change research at the U.S. Geological Survey. Virginia Burkett was formerly chief of the Forest Ecology Branch at the USGS National Wetlands Research Center in Lafayette.

Virginia Burkett was the first female in the United States to be appointed director of a state fish and wildlife department when she was appointed secretary of the Louisiana

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6 to be honored by College of Education and Human Development



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The Northwestern State University College of Education and Human Development will induct five members into its Hall of Distinguished Educators and one as a Friend to Education in conjunction with Homecoming Festivities.

Inductees will be recognized during a 10 a.m. ceremony Saturday, Oct. 15 in the Teacher Education Center.

For more information on the inductees, visit www.nsucurrentsauce.com.

No risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke

Submitted by Fresh Campus

The issue of secondhand smoke has received a lot of press lately with many cities and colleges across the country passing 100 percent smoke-free laws to protect individuals from involuntary exposure to it.

But many NSU students ask why the fuss over secondhand smoke exposure -- isn't the real danger to the smokers themselves?

While smokers do put themselves at greater risk for tobacco-related diseases, the dangers of secondhand smoke are real and nothing to be dismissed.

While we don't often think of children or adolescents being on NSU's campus, it is important to keep in mind that there are three K-12 schools housed on our campus: NSU Elementary Laboratory School, NSU Middle Laboratory School, and the Louisiana School for the Math, Sciences, and the Arts.

These K-12 students can be exposed to secondhand smoke on the NSU campus when they are on the playground, walking the campus for field trips and participating in after-school activities such as running club.

The students at the Louisiana

School live in residence halls on NSU's campus and utilize other campus facilities where they can be exposed.

In addition, adolescents from the community can be exposed to secondhand smoke on campus when they take part in numerous high school sporting events, musical and dance recitals, summer camps, 5K races and other activities held at NSU.

In light of all of the dangers associated with exposure to secondhand smoke, passage of a 100 percent smoke-free campus policy is the best way to create a healthier campus environment.

It will protect all students and adolescents frequenting campus from involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke.

Show your support for passage of a 100 percent smoke-free campus policy at NSU by signing the Fresh Campus' student petition on the Fresh Campus at NSU Facebook page.

For more information on the Fresh Campus organization and what you can do to help make your campus fresh, visit Fresh Campus at NSU on Facebook.

Quick Facts

- There is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke and breathing even a little secondhand smoke can be harmful to your health.
- Secondhand smoke contains many chemicals that can quickly irritate and damage the lining of the airways even if exposure to it is very brief.
- Persons with asthma or other respiratory conditions are at especially high risk for being affected by secondhand smoke and should take special precautions to avoid secondhand smoke exposure.
- Secondhand smoke also causes cancer and heart disease in nonsmokers.
- Children exposed to secondhand smoke are at an increased risk for respiratory infections, ear problems, more severe asthma, and slower lung growth.

Source: 2006 report by U.S. Surgeon General



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FACS will host Centennial reception Saturday

NSU News Bureau

The Northwestern State University Department of Family and Consumer Sciences will host an open house from 11 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 15 as part of Homecoming Festivities. The open house will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Department.

The Department of Domestic Science and Art was founded at Northwestern State in 1911 as an expansion of courses in weaving and textiles. The program became the Department of Home Economics in 1914 and was later renamed the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Over the decades, graduates have made significant contributions to their families and communities through work in home management, home economics education, early childhood education, nutrition and dietetics, travel and tourism, culinary arts and consumer education.

The Department's centennial reception will be held in the Family and Consumer Sciences building. For more information, call (318) 357-5587.

For more information on other Homecoming festivities and events, visit www.nsula.edu for a complete schedule.

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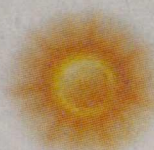
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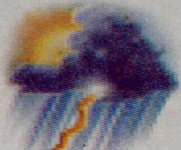
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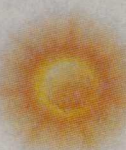
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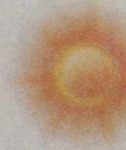
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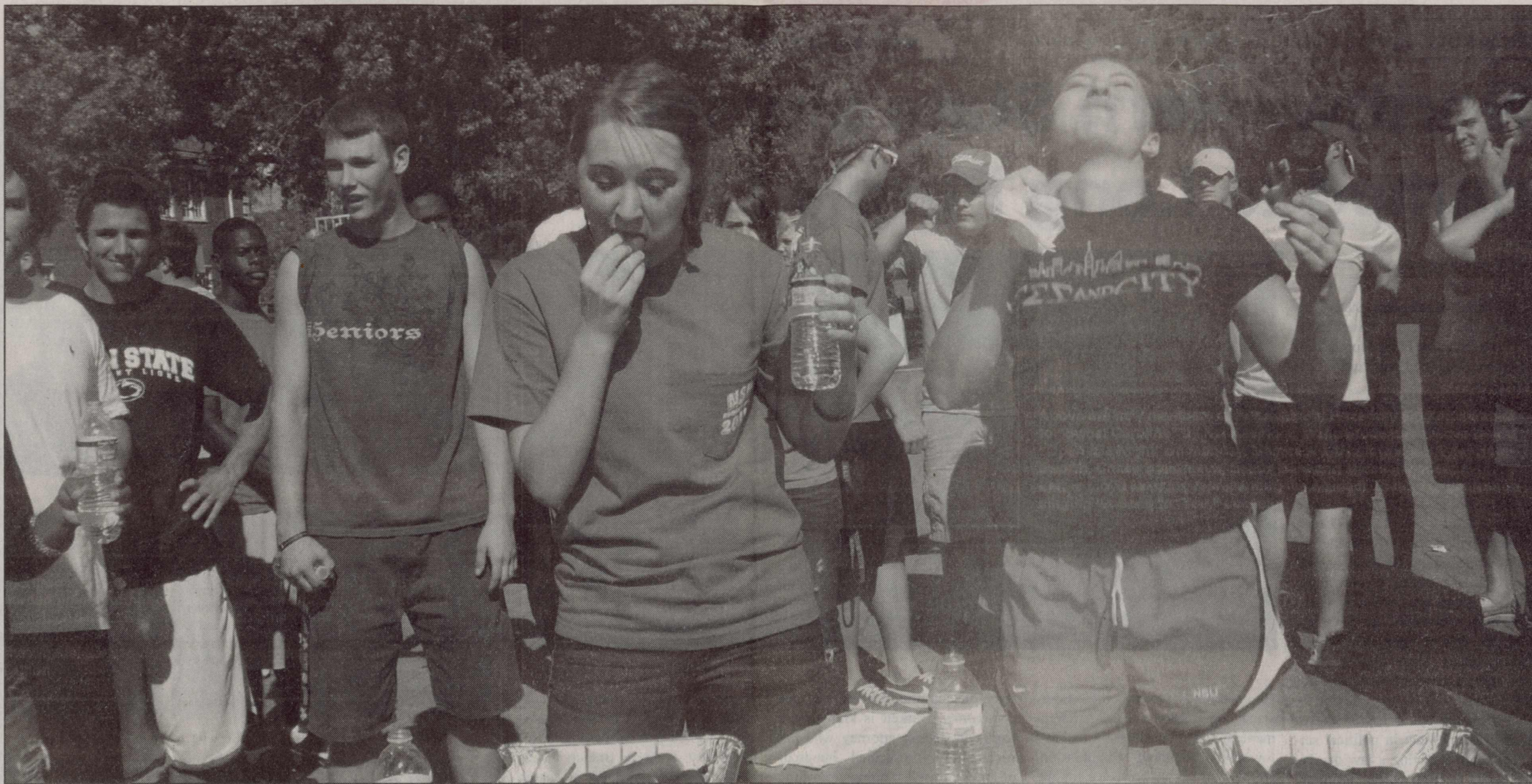


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Week's Activities



Above, Phi Mu Fraternity, Afton Owens (left), junior English Education major and Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, Jillian Corder (right), junior journalism major compete in the corn dog eating contest.



Pictured above, Claire Laurent, Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority member, earned points for her organization when she sang "Someone Like You" by Adele at Monday's homecoming event, "Open Mic Night." Below, members of Louisiana Scholars College show off the cupcakes they made. (Left to right) Deanna Bourgeois, Jake Roby and Megan Duhon.



Above are new members of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity singing karaoke to "Sweet Caroline" by Neil Diamond at the Student Activities Board "Open Mic Night" on Monday. Members are (left to right) Tyler Holdsworth, Chase Boudreaux, Beaux Bare and Michael Monsour. Left is Lloyd Meekins representing the Student Theater Organization singing "A Song for You," acapella.



NSU Up 'Til Dawn organization makes a statement with their rendition of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital logo with their cupcakes.



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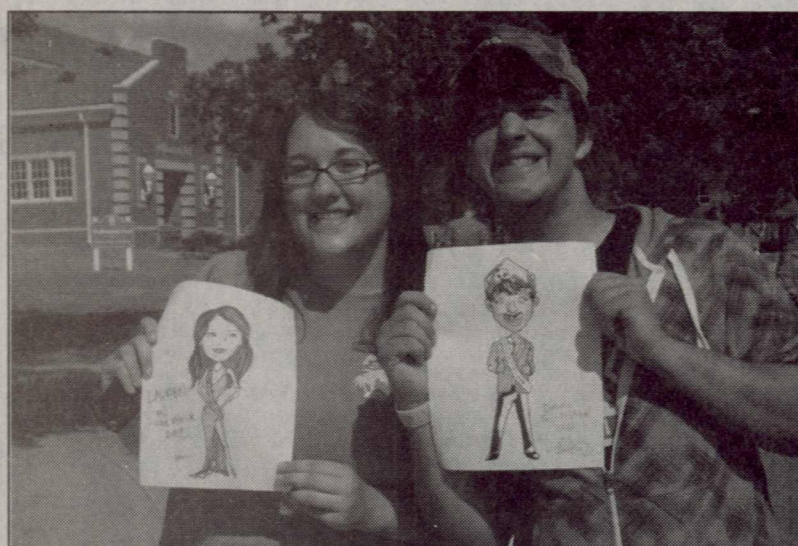
2010-2011 Miss NSU/Homecoming Queen talks of sweet times at NSU

Above, Amy Dodson, 2010-2011 Miss NSU and Homecoming Queen stands with cupcakes made by Phi Mu Fraternity. Dodson leaves advice for the 2011-2012 Homecoming Court, "...College goes by in the blink of an eye, so imagine how quick this one week of your college experience will go by... know you are blessed and when you're walking across the field this Saturday point your nose towards the crowd and thank them for placing you where you are standing... Every penny spent on outfits, jewelry, haircuts was more than worth it. This week will be priceless. See you on the field."

Top right: Students Lauren Daniels and Dakota Butts pose with their caricatures at the block party.

Middle right: Homecoming Queen, Ruth Fruge', excitedly awaits falling into the dunking booth.

Bottom right: Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity shows off their pumpkin spice cupcakes which were entered into the cupcake war contest.



Today

Lip Sync and Homecoming Hunnies competition
A.A. Fredrick's Auditorium
7 p.m.
Open to all Students
Student organizations showcase talents by choreographed dance and by lip syncing words of YouTube videos

Tomorrow

Ying Yang Twins concert
A.A. Fredrick's Auditorium
8 p.m.
NSU students only
Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at www.nsutickets.com and can be picked up in Room 102 in the Student Union from Yonna Pasch, director of Student Activities
Musical concert

Friday

Homecoming Parade
Starts on campus and routes to downtown Natchitoches
5:30 p.m.
Open to students and members of the community
The parade will feature NSU spirit groups, campus organizations and Homecoming Honors Court.

Demon Pep Rally

Downtown Natchitoches Riverbank
Directly following the Homecoming parade
Open to students and members of the community
NSU cheerleaders, Purple Pizazz Pom Line and Demon Dazzlers will be performing before Coach Peveto gives his pep talk to the NSU football team.

Saturday

Homecoming week organization awards
NSU tailgating field
3 p.m.
Open to students and members of the community
Awards for all homecoming competitions will be announced.

NSU vs. Southeastern State University homecoming football game
Turpin Stadium
6 p.m.
Open to NSU students and members of the community
Free for students with student ID, \$8 for general admission seating

Fun, service mark week's events

Yvette Wagoner
Life editor

Monday, the Student Activities Board hosted an "Open Mic Night" in The Alley of Friedman's Student Union.

This event gave organizations the opportunity to sing karaoke and gain participation points to go toward their overall Homecoming score for the week.

The Student Activities Board calculates these points at the end of the week and awards the Registered Student Organization with the most points, the "Overall Homecoming Winners" award.

"Homecoming is a time for each organization to show their support for our entire university. It celebrates our athletics, our alumni and our student population as a whole," Phi Mu president, Meredith Richard, senior, Biology major said.

"Homecoming Week is a time for organizations to showcase their talents, Richard said. "That's why I think it is so competitive. It's not necessarily about competing with others, but more like competing with yourself.

Everyone strives to put in that extra effort during this special time to show they really care and have what it takes."

This week, the Peer Leadership Program will be hosting "Canapalooza," a canned food drive competition.

Winners of the "Canapalooza" competition will be awarded a \$50 gift card from CLV.

All canned food items collected will go to the local food bank which supports the Natchitoches community.

"I think collecting canned goods is a great way that Homecoming Week benefits our community. It's

something simple that goes a long way," Richard said.

Last year, Phi Mu Fraternity won the canned food drive, and they donated over 2,500 canned food items.

Life Share Blood Center has been in the Student Union circle drive for the 1st annual Demon Blood Drive during Homecoming Week since Monday.

One Demon Blood Award will be given to the organization with the most participation. Another Demon Blood Award will be given to the organization with the highest percentage of members' participation.

Yesterday, a block party on Keyser's Brickway gave NSU students a time to enjoy free food such as cotton candy, sno cones and pop corn as well as take part in fun activities.

A dunking booth was set up which allowed students to dunk members of the Homecoming Honors Court.

"Working on Homecoming Week 2011 has been a learning experience. Being on the other side of planning an event makes me much more appreciative of how much hard work goes into an event," SAB member, Victoria Hippler, said.

There was also a cupcake bake-off varying from pumpkin spice flavors to cupcakes that looked like vegetables.

The winning cupcake recipe will be announced at Saturday's organization Homecoming awards ceremony.

Awards will be given at 3 p.m. at Turpin Stadium tailgating field on Saturday.



2011 Homecoming Honor Court

Submitted photo

Pictured above is the 2011 Northwestern State University Homecoming Honors Court. Top row (left to right) is Cameron Tillman, Kevin Blake, J.D. Hadden, Ryan Owens, Carderius "CJ" Johnson, Homecoming King: Chase Stepp, Patrick Brooks, Solomon Matthews, Jackson McNeal and Austin McCann. Front row (left to right) Tiffany Hudson, Hope McFarland, Maegan Morace, Megan Cullen, Brittany Jeanice, Homecoming Queen: Ruth Fruge', Shannon Byrd, Lauren Waguespack, Arielle Craige and Afton Owens.

The Homecoming Honor Court will be presented at halftime at this Saturday's Homecoming football game.

Rants: Confusion Over Homecoming

Tom H. Lawler
Opinions Columnist



Is Homecoming nothing more than a distraction from the true and noble purpose of academic institutions? Or is it the embodiment of spirit as

the collective student body promotes its own glory?

First, does Homecoming mean anything? I am now in my fourth year and I cannot tell you who won the game, who was king and queen or even what I did instead of any Homecoming week activity so far.

Did it dramatically alter the course of your life, or even those who won the game or became king and queen, respectively?

Probably not. Yet, we would have to ask them. You would need to ask yourself that question, also.

Now, I understand that some of you out there are majoring in Tri Sigma with a concentration in Bourbon Creek. Or perhaps just bourbon.

I am guessing that if the above sounds like you, then maybe you can be so kind as to enlighten me. You may even leave me comments on our website. Just answer the question "What is Homecoming all about?"

Homecoming is supposed to celebrate alumni returning home, school spirit, and of course, pageantry.

Primarily, have you ever seen the alumni association pull anything off other than send you "letters"? Have you ever heard of alumni returning back to do... whatever they would

Campus Talk: Seniors reflect on NSU experiences

"I like how involved students get for Homecoming. It's the one time a year that students really support and attend all the events. I'm going to miss that. I haven't been able to be as involved as I liked to because of work, but I've been involved as much as I can. This is the most fun week of school."

Amber Neikirk
Senior journalism major

"I'll miss all the activities that go on throughout the week. Tailgating for Homecoming is the best ever! Frat brothers, family and friends all come out to support and have a wonderful time. I'll enjoy my last Homecoming!"

Patrick Bennett
Senior nursing major

"Homecoming week is such an exciting time for everyone, and I feel like our campus truly comes together because of all the activities during the week and all of the alumni that come to tailgating and the Homecoming game."

Taylor Graves
Senior journalism major

do if they returned for a brief visit? I sure cannot think of anything substantial enough to celebrate.

Second, what exactly does school spirit mean? Does it mean that our students are filled with demons? If so, the BCM has a tough dilemma ahead of them.

School spirit has to be more than a competition for who has more NSU passion. It also has to take pride in more than a collegiate color scheme or a mascot.

It must be some sort of pride, though. Perhaps it is pride over what you and the university have endeared to each other. As you gain in knowledge towards a degree or career, you all the while build the reputation of this place. Is this the pride we celebrate?

As you can tell, what we do during Homecoming is a bit confusing. For example, what do the Ying Yang Twins have in common with

Vic the Demon? How is a football game between our Demons and Southeastern any more special than playing Stephen F. Austin?

Dear reader, you only have to continue with this train of thought and further discrepancies arise.

Finally, there is the issue pertaining to the pageantry of the week. I suppose it is fun to see beautiful and nice people dressed splendidly. Then again, I have seen you in pajamas for a 3 p.m. class. Truthfully, I am biased. I loathe parades. Yet, the prettiness and the peacock feathers is further dissonance, especially for a university that lacks a motto.

Perhaps our motto ought to be "Confusus et Laetus," (Confused and Colorful).

As students, are you not busy enough? Do you have time to pry yourself from your work to hold and attend such events?

Perhaps it is just more tantalizing things to do. Or is it more noise to distract you from academic progress.

Being excited and proud of one thing should not distract you from that thing's actual purpose or function.

Yes, we are a school with a fight song and attractive people, but first and foremost, we are a school. We are a school of secondary education with intent to prepare individuals towards a career, mind you.

When this week comes into history, I will only make a note that it was Homecoming; Life will go on. I will try to be concerned about the implications of Homecoming, be they social or spiritual. All I ask is that we consider what we are doing and why we do it in the first place.

Whatever Homecoming is, it sure is confusing.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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Coming out: Giving support



October 11 is National Coming Out Day.

The Human Rights Campaign first designated this day in 1988 as a way to celebrate the LGBT community.

Coming out is often the hardest thing that a gay person will have to do, because they will have to tell their loved ones that they have been harboring a secret for most of their lives.

Often, when someone "comes out" it is not a shock to the people closest to them. They might have noticed that you haven't had that many relationships or you might adhere to a few gay stereotypes. A guy might like musical theater. While a girl might pay more attention to a sports team than her makeup. Of course, these stereotypes are wrong and sometimes offensive, but they are still used to label people.

When someone comes out to you, whether you expected it or not, the most important thing to remember is to be supportive. You might have always known, or it might be a total shock, but this person is letting you know a secret that they have been keeping for most of their lives. They are trusting you with the deepest part of themselves and

hoping that you will be open and accepting of them.

It is important to ask the right questions. If you are of the same sex, never ask them if they've ever "been into you" or anything of that nature. If you are as close a friend as they believe you to be, you should know they have never been attracted to you. If they were, they certainly would not be telling you this secret for fear of how you might react. Instead, tell the person that you love them, and that means you love everything about them. Let them know that your relationship will not change.

The biggest worry that gay people suffer is the unknown. They have spent years in the closet constantly wondering what will happen if the people that they love most will be unable to accept them.

The truth is that most people will be very open when their friends or family members come out. For further information on National Coming Out Day and the Human Rights Campaign, visit the HRC website at <http://www.hrc.org>.

NSU has a LAMBDA organization with students who are more than willing to speak with you.

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Dynomite: Can I get hyped now?

Jimmie Walker
Editor-in-Chief



The San Francisco 49ers have an unexpected 4-1 record that is blowing

everyone's mind. Nobody would have thought that the team would be sitting comfortably in the NFL power ranking.

Currently, the Niners are ranked ninth according to ESPN. And that ranking could have been higher if the second-half meltdown against the Cowboys never happened. Last week, the team was ranked 16th. That's the biggest jump in the power ranking of any NFL team.

After beating the Tampa Bay Buccaneers by 45 points, I'm surprised that more people aren't starting to believe that the Gold Rush of the late 80's and early 90's are back in full effect. We are one of the few teams that could clinch a playoff spot by mid-November. All we have to do is win four more games.

Most people overlook the previous statements and focus on the quarterback issue. They're still

belittling the play of Alex Smith. Everyone needs to understand that the guy had a new offensive coordinator nearly every year since the beginning of his football career. That's like being a rookie over and over again.

This year is different. Yes, the offensive coordinator is new and so is the head coach, but he has an offensive-minded head coach in Jim Harbaugh.

Smith's quarterback rating for this week is one of the highest of any NFL quarterback. He completed 11 of 19 passes for 170 yards and three touchdowns. That

performance earned him a NFL rating of 127.9 for the game (104.1 overall). He currently has one blemish on his stat book and that is the one interception thrown in the loss against the Cowboys.

That's enough of Smith. I drag on about him because he and the quarterback spot has been the Achilles heel of the 49ers. You can understand how I feel about our success on the offensive side of the ball. I never question how productive our offense would be.

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SFA defeats Lady Demons soccer 5-0

Matthew Fowler
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State Lady Demon soccer team dropped its second game in a row and third of four after a 5-0 whipping from Stephen F. Austin in Southland Conference action on Sunday.

It was the worst loss suffered by NSU since the 2005 season when Texas A&M beat the Lady Demons, 7-0, in the NCAA tournament.

"SFA is an extremely talented team, maybe one of the best I've seen in my years in the Southland Conference," said head coach Jimmy Mitchell.

"With that said, we made a lot of mistakes that we need to correct."

The Lady Demons (7-7, 1-3 SLC) were dominated on the field and were outshot by a 28-7 margin in the second biggest offensive outburst from the Ladyjacks (9-2-1, 4-0 SLC) this season. Fourteen of SFA's 28 shots were on goal.

The goals for the Ladyjacks started early with a goal from freshman forward Chelsea Raymond in the fifth minute put SFA up 1-0.

Senior forward Janae Lee added a goal in the 30th minute to push the

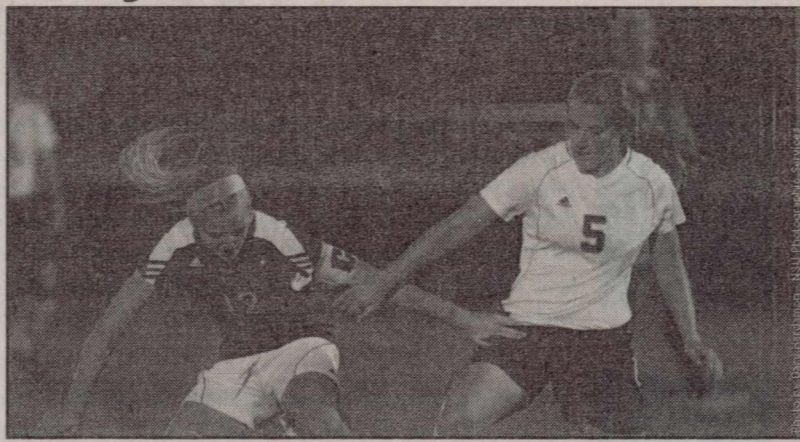


Photo by Gary Hardamon
Demon forward Meghan Hunter avoids a tackle from the defender

Ladyjacks to 2-0 for her fourth goal of the season. She also added an assist to Kylie Louw in the final goal of the game.

Laura Sadler, sister of former Lady Demon Sarah Sadler, scored her sixth goal of the season to put SFA up 3-0 on an unassisted goal.

Raymond then scored her second goal of the game and ninth of the season when she broke away in open field and scored in the 48th minute putting the Lady Demons down four.

"They are just a very dangerous team and score in any opportunity," said Mitchell.

Northwestern State goalkeeper

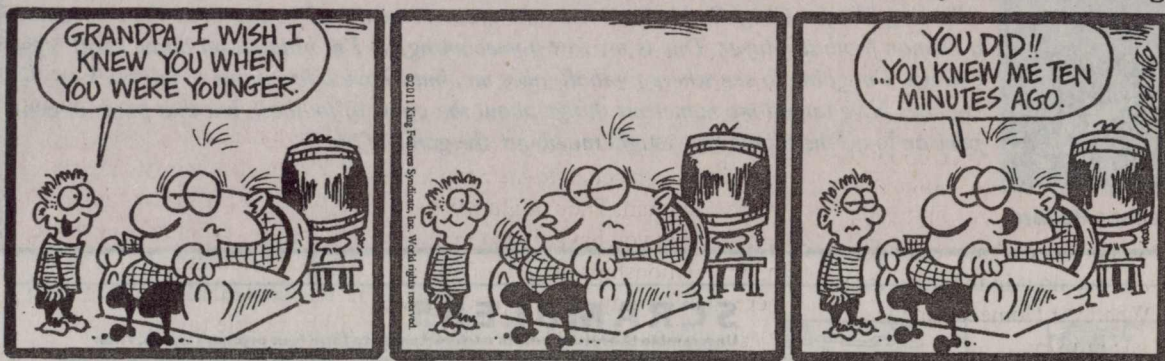
Jessica Danku was kept very busy with saving seven goals to push her conference leading saves up to 66 on the season, six shy of her career high and season total a year ago of 72.

Christian Marks came into the game in the 61st minute and collected one save and gave up on goal.

Northwestern State collected two shots on goal coming from two freshmen in Alex Petermann and Julia Ranalli.

The Lady Demons return home Friday night at 7 o'clock to continue conference play with Texas State who defeated Texas-San Antonio Sunday.

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

Fresh CAMPUS @ NSU

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According to a 2006 report by the U.S. Surgeon General, secondhand smoke is responsible for:

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- Causing cancer and heart disease.

Help create a healthier campus environment that protects the health of all students and adolescents on campus by signing the student petition in support of a 100% smoke-free campus policy posted on the Fresh Campus at NSU Facebook page.



Photo by Gary Hardamon
Sophomore Demon running back D.J. Palmer breaks into the open field on a screen pass.

Demons dominate Cardinals

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Like the surge of electricity that blew the transformers near Lamar's Provost Humphrey Stadium earlier in the day, Northwestern State sizzled decisively for a short period in a 37-17 Southland Conference football win Saturday night.

Northwestern kicked into gear with a 20-point second quarter, scoring three touchdowns in the final 10 minutes before halftime. The Demons had 200 yards in the second period alone and a 27-7 halftime advantage.

That burst contained the greatest jolts in an elegantly efficient 290-yard, three touchdowns, and 26 of 34 with no interceptions passing performance by Brad Henderson, and effectively carried NSU to a 2-1 league record and a 3-3 overall worksheet heading into next Saturday night's homecoming game against Southeastern Louisiana in Turpin Stadium.

Lamar, which rallied past SLU 48-38 on the road a week earlier, dipped to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

The start of the game was delayed for 90 minutes due to the power outage and the stall continued in a first quarter with 120 combined yards, 71 by the visiting Demons.

But NSU rode Henderson's arm and an explosive running game into a commanding lead, then held off

a second-half comeback bid by the Cardinals, clinching the outcome with a wonderfully-run 54-yard screen pass and run by sophomore tailback D.J. Palmer into a blitzing Lamar defense on third-and-10 with 3:20 remaining.

Sidney Riley had two of the Demons' four first-half TDs, on runs of 1 and 5 yards bookending two Henderson scoring passes, 5 yards to Trevor Goodie and 19 to Phillip Harvey. NSU got its last two tallies in the final four minutes of the opening half.

The Demons didn't get cheapies. Their scoring drives were 51, 61, 66 and 76 yards. Goodie's score, on an inside flanker screen, put NSU up to stay. Harvey's touchdown was a backbreaker for the Cardinals, 3:49 before halftime.

NSU got first and goal at the 2 on a pass interference penalty, but an offensive pass interference shoved the Demons back to second-and goal at the 19.

An incompletion made it third down, when Henderson found Harvey with his back to the goal line between three defenders at the 10. He bounced off the tacklers, spinning and sprinting toward the end zone for the score.

After a punt, the Demons needed only 1:26 on seven plays to raise the margin to 20 points on Riley's inside counter from the 5.

But Lamar got a 26-yard field goal

on its first series after halftime to draw within 27-10, and the Demons cost themselves seven more points when Jamaal White was flagged for a personal foul that wiped out a weaving 89-yard interception run-back by Cashas Pollard which would have made it 34-10 midway through the third period.

John Shaughnessy banged through a 45-yard field goal into a stiff wind with 5:33 left to play, but Lamar bounced right back on a 40-yard TD from Andre Bevil to J.J. Hayes 68 seconds later to stay in range with 4:25 showing.

The Palmer screen pass touchdown down the Lamar sideline locked up the outcome.

The Cardinals actually outgained the Demons 460-443, with Bevil showing great escapability in a 360-yard passing output. But he was intercepted three times, with Cortez Paige and Lamont Simmons joining Pollard in the pick parade by NSU.

"In today's football, it's all about the points allowed, not in the yards you give up," said Demons' head coach Bradley Dale Peveto. "We made it tough on them and didn't give up a lot while we were getting control of the score."

Indeed, Lamar had only 118 yards at halftime, by which time Northwestern had provided enough voltage to sap the Cardinals' chances of coming back.

Texas State ends Lady Demons' streak

Robbie Kleinmuntz
Sauce Reporter

After an explosive first set, Northwestern State would eventually see its three-game winning streak come to an end on Saturday after falling to Texas State in Prather Coliseum - 19-25, 25-16, 25-15 and 25-18.

Kelly Jimenez led the way for NSU (6-13, 3-4) by pounding a career-high 16 kills and also dug up five.

"Kelly is playing with a lot of confidence right now and looked great today," said co-head coach Hugh Hernesman. "She built off a great performance on Wednesday and this is the player we knew we were going to get when we recruited her."

For the fifth straight game, Stacey DiFrancesco recorded a double-double with 11 kills and 10 digs. Emily Sweet posted her fourth double-double of the season with 31 assists and 11 digs. She also put away a career-best four attacks on just five attempts (.800).

"Sweet was putting our hitters in rhythm and on the right matchups," Hernesman said. "She did a really good job today, especially when our passing was strong in the first set." Texas State (14-6, 5-1) extended its winning streak to five matches and has now won 15 of its last 18 sets.

"Texas State runs a fast offense and has a lot of big, physical hitters," Hernesman said. "They have a great coaching staff and are an established program that has been doing this for a long time."



Photo by Matthew Bonnette
Kelly Jimenez scores a kill in the game against Texas State.

Defensively, Keelie Arneson recorded a team-high 15 digs, while Jessica Gutierrez scooped up seven. Mackenzie Neely put up five kills and three blocks, and Vanessa Coleman had six and two.

The Lady Demons came out on fire and took the first set 25-19. Jimenez and DiFrancesco each registered four kills in the set; NSU did not commit an error in the frame. The Lady Demons hit at a .441 in the first.

In the set, the teams were at a 16-16 stalemate when the Lady Demons rattled off the next six points to go up 22-16. Nicole Hajka and Coleman each had a kill to spark the run, while Neely contributed with a bullet ace. NSU then finished it off, 25-19, after a slam by Jimenez.

After the Bobcats took the next

two sets 25-16 and 25-15, they then jumped out to an 18-10 lead in the fourth. NSU would respond by taking the next four points to cut the deficit to 18-14 after a couple spikes by Neely. Though it wasn't enough, and Texas State would be able to close out the set 25-18 and the match after kills by its outside hitters.

"At times we looked really good against a very talented team, but we know we still have a long way to go in order to get to the level we want to be at," Hernesman said.

The Lady Demons will be back in action on Thursday night when they host Lamar at Prather Coliseum at 7

For the rest of the press release, check out www.nsudemons.com

Past king, queen bid farewell

Kyla Winey
Staff Reporter

As NSU welcomes new faces to Homecoming court, the former king and queen Yaser Elqutub and Amy Dodson will have their last homecoming as undergraduate students this Saturday.

"I'm going to miss everything," senior cheerleading captain Amy Dodson said. "I love Northwestern so much. I look back and think, Oh my goodness, I have grown and came so far. The main thing I will miss more than anything is being a cheerleader for Northwestern."

Elqutub will suit up for the last time to play for the Homecoming crowd this Saturday for the game against Southeastern University of Louisiana.

"I will miss NSU the most because of the Demon family at this university. NSU really does have a great tradition, and we are continuing to set the bar."

Dodson said that homecoming last year was a fairytale. She explained how the week went by so fast, but she still remembers everything as if it just happened.

"It was definitely an honor and an experience I will never forget," Dodson said. "It makes me smile just thinking about how much fun it was and how blessed I was to have such an experience."

Elqutub said that Homecoming was a blast last year and a huge honor.

"The best part of homecoming, besides winning the football game, was being around the wonderful



Photo by Gary Hardamon
Yaser Elqutub and Amy Dodson are honored at the 2010 Homecoming.

people that made up the Homecoming Court. They all deserve the recognition and are all role models for this university."

It was sheer faith that Dodson ended up a Demon. After already being registered as a McNeese State University Cowgirl, she realized that she was not ready to give up cheerleading. Dodson researched different colleges in Louisiana that did not not have cheer tryouts yet and came upon Northwestern.

"I haven't for a second regretted my decision. I truly believe God brought me to Natchitoches and to Northwestern State University."

Elqutub chose Northwestern for both the Louisiana Scholars' College program and a chance to try-out for the football team. "There is prestigious tradition and history at NSU," Elqutub said.

This year makes Dodson's 11th year of cheering and Elqutub's ninth year of playing football. Both share dreams of participating in the respective sport forever, but they also

understand that it may not work out that way.

"I tell people that Plan-A is to go to medical school and Plan-B is to try out for the NFL; so just in case Plan-B doesn't work out, I still have Plan-A. I am serious about both and currently applying to medical schools in Texas. I plan on being a general physician one day, so anyone who is looking for a Demon-doctor, come see me," Elqutub said.

Dodson's plans after graduating are not clear, but she has a passion for teaching elementary students. One thing she does know is that she wants to stick Natchitoches after graduating.

"I realize that cheerleading is not something I can get a degree in, but I can move to the opposite end of the chain and coach a squad," Dodson said. "Northwestern is such a friendly campus. I am so sad for my time at Northwestern to be almost over, but I am more than blessed to have chosen the best university I could have possibly attended."

Football seniors share one last Homecoming hoorah

Compiled by Shana Lee
Sauce Reporter



David Larson

"I will never forget how awesome it was when I was a freshman and we went to SFA and won the chief back. The past few years have been a struggle at times and also an exciting time. What I mean by that is that when coach Peveto got here it was a tough year not winning, but that didn't stop our heart and our will. We have fought back and won some big games and have some big games ahead that I promise you'll see the heart of the team revealed, and it will be a fun thing to watch. So in summary my greatest memory is how this team, these seniors and our one of a kind coaches jabs fought through adversity and answered the call."



Ricky Issac

"My most memorable moment has to be our first win over Tarleton State during the 2010 season. We went 0-11 the previous season and winning the game felt so good. Last year's homecoming was also an unforgettable moment. The game took two overtimes to decide its outcome, but we came on top in the end. This team has taught me how to come together and work as one unit. It taught me how to be a team player. I love this team!"



Yaser Elqutub

"Greatest memory is seeing the Demon program rebuild itself and having the support of all the Demon fans. I have learned more from my teammates and my coaches than any other thing I have done. They have helped shape me into the person I am today and will cherish the moments I had with them! Last Homecoming game is just another on my list of games this year. They all mean the same to me because they are all worth the same. We plan to put on a good show though."



Sherad Sorrells

"One of my greatest memories is our trip to Tiger Stadium. That whole experience was amazing. I would never forget the friends I met here. Some of them might be in my wedding one day. I'm excited to play in front of all of the Demon fans for Homecoming. We have a good turn out and Homecoming is always a fun time. The positive influence from the coaches made my work effort increase tremendously in football and in life."



Cashas Pollard

"Beating SFA for Chief Caddo has to be the greatest memory I've acquired since becoming a Demon football player. This is my last homecoming, so I'm bittersweet about it all. After college, I'm going to see where football takes me, but I have a few plans to fall back on. My coaches have taught me numerous things about the game of football, but that pales in comparison to all the things they taught me about the game of life."



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Photo by Gary Hardamon
Paul Harris becomes a former Demon football player again after being cut from team for not adhering to stipulations set by coaching staff.

Harris receives last strike: Dismissed from team for good

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Junior quarterback Paul Harris was dismissed from the Northwestern State football team Wednesday for disciplinary reasons after falling short of stipulations for his return from an earlier suspension, said Demons head coach Bradley Dale Peveto.

Harris, a second-team Preseason All-Southland Conference selection this year, returned last week from a suspension stemming from his conduct during NSU's season-opening 24-23 win over Delta State on Sept. 1. He missed three complete games and all but the first quarter of the Delta State game for disciplinary reasons related to outbursts on the sideline and in the team locker room at halftime.

He played two snaps as the backup quarterback, running twice

for four yards, last Saturday night against McNeese in Turpin Stadium.

Harris started the season-opening home game with Delta State, but came out in a pre-determined rotation after his second series.

He was benched for the remainder of the half for disciplinary reasons by Peveto. After further problems in the locker room at halftime, Peveto directed Harris to get out of uniform and not return to the stands.

The following day, Peveto announced an indefinite suspension of the Baton Rouge-Tara product, who started 14 games (four as a true freshman, nine last year – missing two starts and one complete game due to injury) as a Demon.

Before being reinstated, Harris signed a contract listing conditions for him to remain on the team, and came back on "strike two" according to Peveto, meaning any further prob-

lems would result in his removal from the program.

"There was failure to meet the standards that we established for Paul to be a member of our team," said Peveto. "We agreed upon those expectations and unfortunately Paul fell short. The team comes first."

"Paul's been a very important part of our program since he got here and we really hoped this would have a different outcome. As we turn the page, we thank Paul for his positive contributions as a Demon, and we wish him nothing but the best in the future," said Peveto.

Harris finishes ranked 10th all-time in the Demons' career top 10 in passing yardage (2,832 yards)

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Secondhand smoke exposure not eliminated on campus

Submitted by Fresh Campus

When the topic of involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke comes up, many people assume that separating smokers from nonsmokers through designated smoking sections, cleaning the air and ventilating buildings are good options to satisfy all involved parties.

While these options are important to consider, we need to keep in mind that the U.S. Surgeon General reported that ventilation technology and air cleaning systems cannot be relied upon to completely control health risks from secondhand smoke exposure. Air cleaning systems remove large particles, but do not remove the smaller particles or gases found in secondhand smoke. Heating and air conditioning systems also distribute secondhand smoke throughout a building.

Alexandria, La recognized the issue and voted unanimously several weeks ago to ban smoking in all bars and casinos. This new ban strengthens Louisiana ACT 815, a state-wide law passed in 2007 that requires all Louisiana workplaces and restaurants to be 100 percent smoke-free. Thus, the era of designated smoking sections and areas is coming to a close.

While these indoor smoking issues are not a problem at NSU due to Louisiana ACT 815, students on

campus are still involuntarily exposed to secondhand smoke—when walking to and from classes and entering buildings—because there is not a 100 percent smoke-free campus policy.

NSU does currently have a 25-foot policy that requires smokers to be 25-feet away from all campus buildings. However, the policy does not afford students the 100 percent protection from secondhand smoke on campus that they deserve. This policy simply attempts to separate smokers from nonsmokers, but does not get the job done as evidenced by the ample number of cigarette butts littering building entrance ways and perimeters.

A prominent example of the need for outdoor smoking bans is New York City’s new law that makes smoking illegal in the city’s 1,700 parks, Times Square and 14 miles of public beaches. While the ban in New York City has received the most press, it is not the first city to enact such a ban.

According to the Americans for Nonsmokers’ Rights Foundation, 105 cities across the United States have banned smoking on public beaches, and 507 cities prohibit smoking in public parks.

These bans are designed to help limit involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke and reduce litter from discarded cigarette butts.

The outdoor smoking bans are not

restricted to U.S. cities. According to estimates by the American Lung Association and Americans for Nonsmokers’ Rights Foundation:

- 586 colleges and universities nationwide have enacted 100 percent smoke-free campus policies to date.
- 250 colleges have enacted 100 percent tobacco-free campus policies to date.
- Louisiana Delta Community College and Nicholls State University in Louisiana are included in the 100 percent tobacco-free campuses.
- LSUHSC Shreveport and Our Lady of the Lake College in Louisiana are included in the 100 percent smoke-free campuses.

These statistics and policy trends underscore the growing importance of outdoor smoking bans to fully protect nonsmokers from involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke.

As students, we must take ownership of the smoke-free campus issue by voicing our support for passage of a 100 percent smoke-free campus policy at NSU. Passage of such a policy will not only position our school as a leader in the nationwide smoke-free movement, but it will also create a healthier campus environment to better protect the health of all NSU students.

Show your support for passage of a 100 percent smoke-free campus policy by signing the student peti-



Photo submitted by Fresh Campus

Despite the 25-foot smoking policy, cigarette butts accumulate behind the Student Union. According to the Americans for Nonsmokers’ Rights Foundation, 105 cities across the United States have banned smoking on public beaches and 507 cities prohibit smoking in public parks.

State, parish elections Saturday

Natchitoches Parish will host state and local elections this Saturday for governor, state representative, sheriff and five Constitutional amendments. When going to the polls to cast your vote, you must bring either a driver’s license, Louisiana Special ID or some other recognized picture ID with your name and signature. The polls will be open Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Democrat

Ivo “Trey” Roberts
Democrat

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22nd Representative District
Terry Brown
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Republican

“Tim” Murphy
Republican

State Representative
23rd Representative District
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“Rick” Nowlin
Republican

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Sheriff
Danny C. Hall
No Party

Victor Jones
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Public Affairs Research Council Guide to 2011 LA Constitutional Amendments

1. Funding TOPS and Sustaining Cigarette Tax Revenue
A vote for would: dedicate a new funding source for TOPS by redirecting annual tobacco settlement proceeds from the Millennium Trust to the college scholarship fund and place a portion of the cigarette tax permanently in the Constitution.

A vote against would: leave unchanged the type of the financing sources available for TOPS and allow a current four-cent per pack cigarette tax to expire.

2. Reducing the Financial Liability of State Retirement Systems
A vote for would: require the Legislature to designate certain percentages of the state’s nonrecurring revenue to reduce the long-term financial shortfall of the state employee (LASERS) and teacher (TRSL) retirement systems.

A vote against would: still allow the Legislature to appropriate nonrecurring revenue to retiring the unfunded accrued liability of public retirement systems but would not require such.

3. Protecting the Patient’s Compensation Fund
A vote for would: protect the Patient’s Compensation Fund from legislative appropriation by establishing it in the Constitution and defining it as a private custodial fund to be used only for the benefit and protection of medical malpractice claimants and qualified health care providers.

A vote against would: retain the existing statutory definition of the Patient’s Compensation Fund, which could subject the Fund to appropriation by the Legislature.

4. Managing the Budget Stabilization “Rainy Day” Fund
A vote for would: provide that if money is withdrawn from the Budget Stabilization Fund, the state must begin to replenish the Fund during the second fiscal year after the money was withdrawn, paying back the withdrawn amount in thirds each year until fully repaid or until the Fund reaches its statutory cap.

A vote against would: leave the state to deal with its current statute, which prohibits money taken from the Budget Stabilization Fund from being replenished in the same fiscal year that it was withdrawn or the following fiscal year. However, this law is being challenged in court as unconstitutional and could be overturned.

5. Updating the Census Change in a New Orleans Tax Sales Law
A vote for would: identify the City of New Orleans by name rather than by reference to its outdated 2000 Census population in a section of the Constitution regarding auctions of tax-delinquent properties.

A vote against would: leave the outdated Census population reference in the Constitution with the result that New Orleans would not maintain an existing exemption from the minimum bid requirements for property tax sales.

Source: www.la-par.org

Vet Tech Club to implant animal recovery chips

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Northwestern State University’s Veterinary Technology Club will hold a fund raiser for pet owners interested in implanting an identification microchip in their pet. Microchips are placed beneath the animal’s skin, which are registered with the American Kennel Club database. Pet owners will receive a tag in the mail to match their pet’s collar.

“When pets are found, the tag will have a telephone number and the animal’s microchip ID number,” explained Jessica Hudspeth, Registered Veterinary Technician in the Department of Biological Sciences. “The phone number is called and your pet can be identified. If for some reason your pet’s collar or tag is lost, your pet can still be identified. Standard veterinary hospital and shelter protocol recommends that there be a microchip scanner at the facility and pets that are found are scanned for a chip. The facility scans the area around the shoulders and the chip number and company comes up in the scanner window. The facility can then call the company and you will be contacted so that your pet can be safely returned to you.”

The Vet Tech Club will offer the microchip, lifetime registration and service for \$35 from 1-5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24 in Room 102 of Bienvenu Hall. Pet-owners must make an appointment by calling Hudspeth at (318) 357-4316 or e-mailing hudspethj@nsula.edu.

For more information on the microchip, visit www.akccar.org.

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Demon Celebration Marks Successful Homecoming



Photo by Gary Hardamon
Pictured above: NSU cheerleaders perform at downtown pep rally on Friday. Also shown, Purple Pizazz Pom Line, NSU football team and 2011 Honor Court. The pep rally was hosted by Student Activities Board and masters of ceremonies, Victoria Hippler. The students, alumni, faculty and Natchitoches citizens were in attendance to watch the event which lasted 45 minutes.

Submitted photo
Pictured to the left: Members of Alpha Omicron Pi celebrate winning first place in "Overall Homecoming" this past week. They won first place in the corn dog eating contest and the cupcake bake off. They also placed second in the float competition, third in Lip Sync and participated in Homecoming Hunnies.

Ying Yang Twins 'drop it like it's hot'

Tom H. Lawler
Sauce reporter

Students at Northwestern State were shaking like a saltshaker last Thursday when the Student Activities Board held a Ying Yang Twins concert. The event was part of the Homecoming Week festivities and was held in A.A. Fredericks.

The SAB used advice of students from the previous spring semester and decided to throw larger events.

"Last semester we were looking at people like Bruno Mars and B.O.B" said junior SAB Executive Representative at Large, Austin McCann.

Although other bands were considered, the Ying Yang Twins were more affordable.

"We sent offers, but most were shot down. We saw the Ying Yang Twins and we were able to get [them]" said McCann.

The total cost to book the performers was around \$11,700.

The concert began at 8 p.m. and lasted for just over one hour.

The students who attended held up their mp3 players and smart phones to capture every bass-pounding moment of the performance. In the aisles of A.A. Fredericks, groups of friends danced and swayed like a pendulum to the rhythm.

The performers consisted of the two crunk rappers Kaine and D-Roc accompanied by a DJ who provided the background beats and harmonies.

"I feel it was a success, it went way past our expectations," said Ruth Fruge, junior Liberal Arts major at Scholars and member of SAB.

The Ying Yang Twins played most of their own songs like "Wait (The Whisper Song)", "Salt Shaker", "What's Happ'nin!", "Get Low" and "Ms. New Booty" among many others. In addition, they also played music from other artists like Mike Jones.

"They made the concert a lot of fun. They really gave it a lot of energy," said Fruge.

Look in the future for more incredible concerts and events from the Student Activities Board.

Homecoming winners show school spirit

Yvette Wagoner /
Kayla Winey
Life Editor/Sauce Reporter

Alpha Omicron Pi won first place in "Overall Homecoming" based on overall points for various activities and competitions.

Last Wednesday, NSU students mimed, strutted and danced during annual Homecoming skits at A. A. Fredericks Auditorium.

The Student Theater Organization won the Homecoming Hunnies skit.

For the lip sync competition, Phi Mu Fraternity won the sorority division; Theta Chi won the

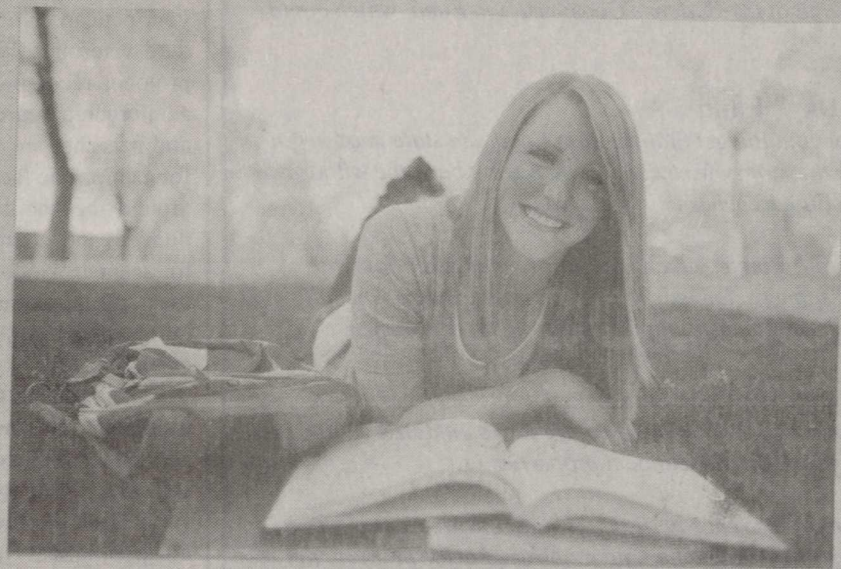
fraternity division; Student Theater Organization won the general division.

On Friday the annual Homecoming parade had 25 floats, which ended with a pep rally at the riverbank. Organizations designed floats that paraded through campus and downtown.

The Homecoming football game against the Southeastern University Lions resulted in a 51-17 victory for the Demons.

After the game, "Boogie on the Bricks" was brought back for the post-home game tradition on Front Street. A live band performed and gave alumni and students the chance to celebrate the win together.

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Alumnus never lost love for Natchitoches, NSU

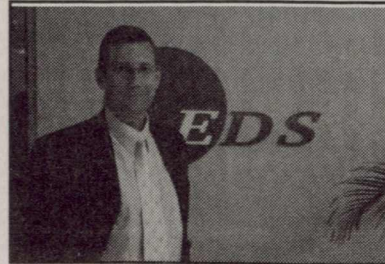
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Jim Bridges climbed to the top of the business world, worked and lived in countries around the globe, raised a family, died much too young and always took deep pride and satisfaction in his Natchitoches upbringing and his Northwestern education.

Judy Bridges touched on those points and others about her late husband recently when she attended a Northwestern alumni reception, tailgate activities and the football game between the Demons and SMU in Dallas.

Although Judy met and married Jim when he was working in Indiana and never lived in Natchitoches, she knew a lot about the community where he grew up and the university he attended from visiting here often and hearing her husband reminisce.

When he was a kid in Natchitoches swimming and fishing in Cane River, riding his bike around town and learning to pick a guitar, Jim never envisioned a future built on such unimaginable things as computers and high tech



Jim Bridges

information systems.

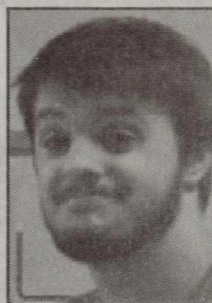
In fact, he still didn't know what he wanted to do with the rest of his life when he graduated from Natchitoches Central High School in 1976.

So he joined the Air Force and spent some time in Germany and other places far from his little Louisiana hometown.

Military service gave Jim the chance to spread his wings and kick up his heels some after an enjoyable but relatively reserved childhood as the son of a deputy sheriff and a department store clerk who knew everybody in town.

Jim's deep respect for his parents Herman and Wilda and his knowledge that nearly everything that happened in town was on their radar kept him from straying far from the path of correct and proper

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Well congratulations Louisiana! You have made it through yet another scorching summer of temperatures well above anything agreeable. For too long it has been the case of afternoons spent inside safeguarded against the heat. Now that it is finally cooled off a wee bit, we can all enjoy our state's finer outdoor recreational pursuits.

Indeed, once the frost begins to creep in like little cats' feet and our breath begins to suspend in front of us we can look forward to hunting seasons, football games and long drives with the windows down. With more time spent outside, it naturally follows that one of two

things will occur. They are both related to health.

The first thing is more physical exercise. Remember all of that sweating and clamminess after working in the yard or running in July? Forget about it! Cool breezes wick away the saline solution from your skin.

Less perspiration encourages one to spend even more time outside. You can be outside all day tailgating for our football team and not even have to change, put on deodorant or wash your face before going out that evening (we have all done it).

The second thing is more overall happiness. Now sure, I am aware that all seasons have something to appreciate, but not like the autumn. Who does not appreciate at least one of the following: Halloween, Thanksgiving or—the all-important here—"End of Hurricane Season?"

Our nation's football teams in action and the changing of the leaves are other events that amaze us and attract our attention year

after year.

All of these things involve interactions with like-minded individuals. Halloween trick-or-treating with the neighbors and a throng of folks in purple and orange screaming "Go! Fight! Win!" are just two examples of a proper and decent collective. This in turn reinforces the best in our communal sentiments.

For those of you from other states, enjoy these few weeks. They do not last much longer. Those of us who have been here awhile know it, which is why you see us soaking it up.

I would like to write about more intelligent things. However fellow student, if you so happen to pick up this edition of the Current Sauce and read this article, consider it a reward and break from the more familiar academic tones. Sure, I could write a volume on societal issues, but who would address nature's finest?

Charles Crain
Opinions ColumnistRace to
the top

Mitt Romney is the front-runner of the race for the Republican nomination for President of the United States.

Oh, wait. No, it's Michele Bachmann. No! It's Rick Perry. Not anymore? Now it's Herman Cain? Oy vey.

The battle for the Republican nomination has been a hectic one to say the least. The party has been prepping for this ever since President Obama's historic win in 2008. We are still three months from the Iowa caucus and the New Hampshire primary, yet there have been no less than five frontrunners in the last six months.

Mitt Romney has been making the rounds for well over a year, deciding that this could finally be his time after losing the 2008 primaries. He was far and away the number one pick in straw polls across the country last year, and he continues to gain support.

However, when the Tea Party took the Republicans to a huge win in the House of Representatives last November, Romney fell out of favor with members of his own party. His universal healthcare plan looks too much like "Obamacare" in their eyes.

Enter Michele Bachmann, the unofficial leader of the Tea Party. Pretty with a history of conservative family values, she flew up the polls following the Tea Party and FOX News rallies. She has since declined after she, you know, started saying things.

Rick Perry looked like the second coming of George W. Bush, and his track record with jobs is certainly sound, but his missteps have caused him to take a stumble. He was a no-brainer according to FOX News, but the latest Florida straw polls show him behind both Herman Cain and Mitt Romney.

And now, we've arrived at our latest Republican nominee. Herman Cain—who complained just three months ago that he was not getting much attention at debates—won the Florida straw poll two weeks ago. Since then, he has been on a promotional blitz befitting a Presidential nominee. His "9-9-9" plan has caught on like wildfire, even though most economists say that it is a fallacy. How far will he go? I'm not even discussing Donald Trump and Sarah Palin, two reality TV stars who flirted with the "tough decision" to run. At this point in 2007, Mike Hucka-

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Letter from the editor

Jimmie Walker
Editor-in-Chief

was a bit rude and insensitive.

I want to take this time to apologize for that very reason. Everyone has opinions. Some seem more legit than others. Some of them sound completely off the wall. The Current Sauce encourages opinions that are well informed. The article had some flaws in that aspect.

The columnist's intention was to provide humor in the midst of all the confusion of last week. It was not his purposeful intent to publish

anything that goes directly against what the organization stands for.

It was never to call out any one organization for whatever reason. A line was crossed, and I thank you for bringing it to The Current Sauce staff's attention.

I am also a member of a Greek organization so I understand what could happen if certain individuals saw what was written.

As you know, The Current Sauce is a student run media organization, so everyone on staff is still learning the ropes as we try to better our craft.

The other editors and myself try to limit mistakes like this from happening.

I encourage everyone to submit an opinion piece at some point throughout their undergraduate career. It's a wonderful thing when you present a well-informed opinion to the campus.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Demons makes it two straight: Lions lose 51-17 in Turpin

Courtesy of Sports Info:

With Lamont Simmons' 24-yard fumble return and a 99-yard kickoff return by Phillip Harvey, Northwestern State scored the first time it touched the ball in both halves Saturday night while smashing old rival Southeastern Louisiana 51-17 in Southland Conference football.

Simmons scooped up the fumble and scored on the game's first play. Harvey took the second half kickoff back for a touchdown, lifting NSU up 34-3, on the way to tying a school record for kickoff return yardage (193 yards on three attempts).

The Demons, heading into an open date and celebrating homecoming in front of 10,285 at Turpin Stadium, led 17-0 less than five minutes into the contest and 27-3 after the first quarter. They won their second straight, improving to 4-3 overall and 3-1 in the conference, while the Lions (1-5, 0-3) fell for the fourth straight time.

Northwestern cracked the 50-point barrier in a Southland game for the first time since routing Sam Houston State 59-3 in 1998. It was the highest point total by the Demons since a 63-12 romp over Division II Southeast Oklahoma in 2008 and the most points against a Division I team since 2004 and a 52-6 romp over Texas Southern.

"I thought the fumble return set the tone, and we really got on a roll then," said third-year NSU coach Bradley Dale Peveto. "With the Southeastern offense being so explosive, I didn't think we had the game secured until we got to 48 points, but it was great starting the second half with Phillip's kickoff return."



Photo by Gary Hardamon
Demon receiver Phillip Harvey makes a move on defender on a kick return. Harvey tied the single game kick return record with 193 yards.

"This was a complete team win for us in all three phases, offense, defense and special teams," said Peveto. "We knew Southeastern is a dangerous team with a lot of playmakers on offense and we had a very mature approach to the game, which showed in the way we played tonight."

Northwestern got its first career 100-yard rushing game from sophomore D.J. Palmer, whose 15 for 102 yards output included an 82-yard touchdown just 4:25 into the contest for a 17-0 lead.

Fellow true sophomore Rumeall Morris scored twice, on a 28-yard reception from Brad Henderson 11

minutes into the game for a 24-3 lead, and on an 11-yard run with 4:09 to go in the third quarter making it 48-10.

Henderson also threw a 37-yard touchdown pass to Justin Aldredge while John Shaughnessy kicked field goals of 44, 24 and 45 yards.

The Demons grinded 37 minutes off the clock while posting 223 rushing yards and adding 160 in the air. The Lions got a career-best 355 pass yards from Brian Young, but he was intercepted four times, twice by Ja-

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Photo by Gary Hardamon
Emily Sweet sets up Nicole Hajka for a kill in the match against McNeese. The Lady Demons beat the Cowgirls in four sets.

DiFrancesco and Hajka lead NSU past McNeese

Robbie Kleinmuntz
Sauce Reporter

Stacey DiFrancesco recorded her seventh consecutive double-double and Nicole Hajka turned in a career-performance as Northwestern State defeated McNeese State on Saturday in Prather Coliseum - 25-17, 26-24, 23-25 and 25-20.

DiFrancesco tallied a match-high 16 kills for NSU (7-14, 4-5) and also dug up 10 attacks to lift the Lady Demons over McNeese State (6-16, 1-7).

"Stacey is a talented player who is very driven and wants to continue improving," said co-head coach Hugh Hernesman. "She has maintained a level of consistency simply because she wants to do whatever it takes to be good."

Hajka slammed a career-best 15 kills and hit at an impressive .407 mark. Kelly Jimenez turned in her eighth double-double of the season with 13 kills and 10 digs.

"Nicole played with a lot of confidence today," Hernesman said. "It started on Thursday when she had a really good match against Lamar, and our setter is getting her in situations that get her a lot of good looks."

Emily Sweet guided much of the Lady Demon attack by dishing out a career-high 52 assists. She also tallied seven digs, two kills and an ace in the match.

"Sweet has been putting the ball in perfect spots for me - right where I've needed it every time," DiFrancesco said.

In the middle, Mackenzie Neely pounded nine kills (.438) and had a pair of digs and assists. Vanessa Coleman registered five kills and three blocks.

For the Cowgirls, Nicole Bowden finished on a team-high nine attacks, and Katie Kennedy led the team with 15 digs.

With the score tied 5-5 in the first set, NSU reeled off six in a row to go up 11-5 on Sweet's serve af-

ter a couple of kills by Neely. The Lady Demons then found Hajka's hot hand which further extended the lead to 20-13 after three kills. NSU then finished a dominant first set, 25-17, after a kill by Jimenez.

Hajka led the way for NSU in the first with four kills (.571). Neely recorded three kills, two digs, a block and an assist in the frame. The Lady Demons did not commit a service error in the set, and had just four attack errors.

In a closely contested second set, NSU found itself down 12-7 after some big attacks from McNeese. The Lady Demons slowly cut down the lead, and eventually tied it 23-23 after kills by Coleman and Jimenez. The Cowgirls then had a set point at 24-23, but DiFrancesco was there to finish a point and keep NSU alive, 24-24. McNeese then missed on a couple attacks, and the Lady Demons took the set, 26-24.

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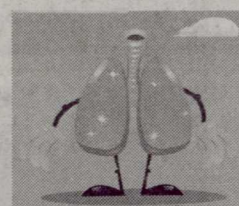
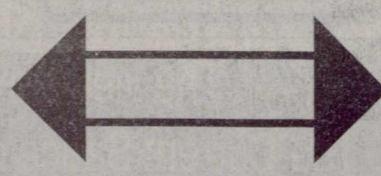
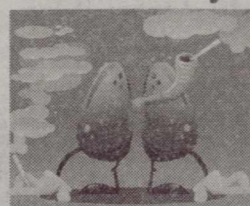
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- The 25-foot policy simply attempts to separate smokers from nonsmokers, but does not afford students the 100% protection from secondhand smoke on campus that they deserve.
- Passage of a 100% smoke-free campus policy is the best way to completely eliminate students' involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke.



Help create a healthier campus environment that protects the health of all students and adolescents on campus by signing the student petition in support of a 100% smoke-free campus policy posted on the Fresh Campus at NSU Facebook page.



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Rate your prof; rate your classes; rate NSU

Taylor Graves
News Editor

Starting Nov 7, students will have the opportunity to give their thoughts and opinions on teachers and classes by taking the e-Student Evaluation of Course & Instructor on Moodle.

The student evaluation are offered at the end of each fall and spring semester and give the University information on the teachers and classes.

The survey results are used to evaluate teachers, improve teaching skills and overall effectiveness of the NSU classroom, Roni Biscoe, Director of University Planning, said.

When the teachers receive results for their classes, they are able to see if their teaching style was helpful to students and if it should be changed or altered.

"It helps me know if I'm doing

my job," Biscoe said. "This shows me how to improve my teaching or my classes and is helpful in December when making and shaping my course."

Teachers can only see results for their individual classes, but department heads are allowed to see results for all of the classes in their department. The surveys, along with other relevant information, are considered during teacher evaluations at the end of the year.

Dr. Webb and other university officials also have access to overall results to help make campus-wide decisions for students and faculty.

"For example, if the surveys show teachers are not good with new technology, then there can be professional technology training for the faculty," Biscoe said.

In past years, evaluation responses have decreased. Some areas of the

survey only receive 20 percent or lower answers, which does not give the university a wide enough range to evaluate, Biscoe said.

Maegan Morace, senior hospitality, management and tourism major, has seen the importance of the student evaluations throughout her college experience.

"Yes, I do take them," Morace said. "I think if the teachers really do look at the results then they can improve their teaching style in the classroom."

Teachers are given the evaluation data at the end of each semester, and there is no way for a teacher to know which student gave a certain answer during the survey.

A student can take the survey from any computer with an Internet connection while logged onto Moodle. The assessment will be available to all students from Nov 7 to Dec 7.



Students in face-to-face and online classes will have the chance to rate their teachers and classes on the student assessment survey from Nov. 7 to Dec. 7 by logging onto their Moodle accounts. Archived Photo

Students help with cleaning project

Kayla Winey
Freshman Scholar

The field across from the Health and Human Performance building and the Grits and Mary Gresham Birding Trail are cleaner now thanks to NSU psychology students.

Last Saturday two psychology classes, including the Freshman Interest Group (FIG) class, assisted Dr. Betsy Cochran in a "green clean-up" project on campus. The project was part of a three-day cleaning effort.

The project objective was for students to learn about nature, trees, bushes, flowers and the birds, said Steve Gruesbeck, Director of Service-Learning. Plus, students become more involved in activities outside of the classroom.

"It is fun to help out and it betters the environment," Sandra McPherson, freshman, said. "I've done a previous project just like this and enjoyed it so much, so I did it again. If people see me working and helping they will be motivated to do the same."

Jalen West, freshman, said he is making a difference just by being involved. He also liked being outside and enjoyed earning "the extra points."

A foundation grant from the Gresham family provides funds to maintain and beautify the Grits and



Submitted Photo

Students from two psychology classes assisted with a three-day clean up on Natchitoches and campus. Saturday they helped pick up the Grits and Mary Gresham Birding Trail next to Eugene P. Watson Memorial Library.

Mary Gresham Birding Trail.

"This was the third of a three-day bird trail clean up. Unfortunately, there are no more clean ups planned for the fall. If anyone is interested in the spring, please let me know," says Gruesbeck.

"The bird trail is much prettier now," Christina Hawayek, freshman, said. "This project makes me want to volunteer next round."

Scholars College does other service projects around campus also. Some future events include the annual campus and citywide cleanup in April. April is "Keep Louisiana Beautiful Month." At this time, a

group of about seventy five volunteers devote a Saturday to clean up Natchitoches.

Dr. Susan Barnett, the Psychology Department head, and Gruesbeck provided project support.

"If there are any students interested in doing any green service projects, I am always open and interested. I am involved in projects on and off campus," Gruesbeck said.

Because of the Scholars College, psychology department and volunteers, the City of Natchitoches and NSU is a much "greener" city and school.

Social acceptance of tobacco questioned

Submitted by Fresh Campus

A 2010 report by the CDC estimates that more than 675,000 adults in Louisiana (20.5 percent) are cigarette smokers, which ranks Louisiana 37th in adult smoking prevalence among all the states.

Louisiana is ranked 26th among all states for smoking prevalence among youth aged 12-17 with a rate of 11 percent.

Even more alarming than these statistics is the fact that the smoking prevalence among college-age students in Louisiana is estimated at 26.1 percent - higher than the adult smoking rate in Louisiana and close to matching the 28.2 percent of all college students nationwide who use tobacco products.

The choice to smoke is inherently based on the notion of individual rights and freedoms, but the problem becomes the dangers that cigarette usage presents to nonsmokers through involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke.

The U.S Surgeon General has reported that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke, and that even brief exposure to it can cause cancer, heart disease and trigger severe asthma attacks among many other ailments.

In fact, more than 50,000 adult non-smokers die from secondhand smoke related diseases each year in the United States with 780 deaths in Louisiana.

The toll of smoking though goes far beyond the physical realm. Recent research indicates that adolescents' decisions to initiate tobacco use are significantly influenced by the smoking behaviors of peers, teachers and other adult role models.

Smoking among college students is particularly problematic considering the finding from a recent research study by Rigotti (2000) that concluded, "Smoking among college students may diffuse to other segments of the population, especially to children or adolescents, because of the effect of peer modeling. The visibility of tobacco products on campus, even if used intermittently, sends a dangerous message about the social acceptability of tobacco use."

Thus, the fact that NSU students, faculty, staff and visitors are allowed to smoke on campus sends a message to the community and the students housed in the Laboratory

schools on campus that smoking is an acceptable, normal behavior within our community.

Furthermore, by enabling individuals to smoke on campus, we are directly contributing to the number of adolescents and college students who initiate smoking.

While a majority of smokers initiate smoking prior to high school graduation, with 14 as the median age of onset, recent trends indicate that a significant number of adult smokers first use tobacco products during their college years due to its social acceptability on many campuses.

Passage of a 100 percent smoke-free campus policy is the best way to protect the health of all individuals who frequent NSU and also establishes a non-smoking norm in our community that discourages adolescents and young adults from initiating use of cigarettes.

Show your support for passage of a 100 percent smoke-free campus policy at NSU by signing the petition on the Fresh Campus at NSU Facebook page.

For more information on the Fresh Campus organization and what you can do to help make your campus fresh, visit Fresh Campus at NSU on Facebook.



Warning: Financial Aid scam targets students

NSU News Bureau

Northwestern State University's Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships warns students not to fall for a financial aid scam that is circulating.

According to Misti Adams, director of student financial aid and scholarships, some students have been receiving letters from the Student Financial Resource Center stating they have programs that could make you eligible to receive financial aid.

The center is asking \$59 to process an application.

"Students should never pay for financial aid services," said Adams. "If you have received this letter please disregard it."

Adams reminded students and parents of the procedure for receiving financial aid, which includes all grants, loans, work-study and any other type of aid a student might be eligible for. The only application that will determine eligibility for all programs is the Free Application for

Federal Student Aid.

"If you receive any correspondence or get on websites requesting money to process your application you are in the wrong place," Adams said.

"We have experienced staff that can help you fill out the needed paperwork properly and help you get your financial aid processed as quickly as possible."

Students with any questions can contact (318) 357-5961 or go to financialaid.nsula.edu.

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NSU Theatre and Dance takes a twist on 'The Wiz'



Photo by NSU News Bureau
Main characters pose in costume for NSU Theatre and Dance production of "The Wiz," based on the classic story "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." Pictured above are Jacob T. Starks as Scarecrow, Damian Morris as Lion, R'eShad Horton as Tinman, Claire Cook as Toto and Breanna Collier as Dorothy. "The Wiz" was directed and choreographed by Barry Stoneking and assisted choreographed by Dustin Gaspard and Rebecca Morgan.

Yvette Wagoner
Life Editor

NSU students were spellbound by "The Wiz" last week. Flying alligators, Munchkins, witches and more mesmerized the audience.

The Theatre and Dance production, based on the classical story of "The Wizard of Oz," was modernized to entertain new generations.

Additionally, the NSU production changed the setting from Kansas City to Robeline, Louisiana. Barry Stoneking, director and choreographer, said such productions provide NSU students the experience needed to succeed.

"This is show business and it's big business," he said.

Starring as the lead role of Dorothy was Breanna Collier, freshman theatre major with a concentration in musical theatre.

"My favorite part of starring in the show was getting to know the cast and growing as a performer," Collier said.

Among the changes from the classic story was Dorothy's home in Robeline, La.

During the "Tornado Ballet," rather than Kansas wheat fields, alligators flew through the air, and instead of a house landing on the old wicked witch, Dorothy's mobile home coined a whole new meaning of being "mobile."

To reenact the Munchkins of the Munchkin City, 10 performers were creatively fastened to seats of old secretary desks attached to large athletic bounce balls.

The performers wore large bouffant dresses to give the image of being short.

"I wouldn't say we completely succeeded with the bounce balls, but we created a new way of doing things," Stoneking said.

The laughter continued when the Good Witch of the North, Evillene, pulled an iPad from her bag.

Played by Laricka Rayford, a sophomore Musical Theatre major, the witch performed "magic" with the wondrous device that could spell out "Dorothy" by touching the letters on the screen.

The cowardly lion was played by a brave NSU defensive lineman, Damian Morris.

Morris, a vocal musical education major, said when he was first approached about the role, he did not take the offer seriously.

"I was walking along when someone called after me about it. Thinking they were just messing around, I turned and kept walking," he said.

His teammates cheered after his songs "Be a Lion" and "Lion's Dream," a duet with Collier as Dorothy.

The Wiz in this production had the opposite image of the original.

In this production, the wizard was from Cloutierville, La.

Played by Kwame Lilly, the character danced on stilts while operating long, silver, mechanical hands.

The costume also featured a large paper mache' head with operating lights. Lilly, from Forney, Texas, sang, "So You Wanted to Meet the Wizard."

Lauren Waguespack, a senior Theatre major, starred as the good witch Glinda.

She seemed to float across the stage by wearing shoes with skates while she sang "A Rested Body is a Rested Mind" and "Believe in Yourself."

The audience showed their appreciation at the close of the performance with a standing ovation.

Oct. 31 'Spooky Spooks' NSU Halloween Events

NSU Halloween Carnival
University Place 2 Apartments
5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
NSU faculty and your children are invited to a carnival hosted by Order of Omega. Games, candy, food and fun will be provided.

Alpha Phi Alpha "Fear Factor" Halloween Costume Party
Iberville Dining Hall
9 p.m. - midnight
Music, dancing and food

SAB Haunted House
Starts in the Student Union Alley
8 p.m.
Walk through the haunted house and be prepared to get scared

Stay healthy: Do's, don'ts for holiday season

By Steven Wood
WRAC Facility Coordinator

Don't over eat

Do not binge eat just because the food is there. This can be harmful to your body and cause unwanted weight gain.

Don't have too many sweets and desserts

They may taste good, but desserts are loaded with a lot of carbs and sugars.

Don't be lazy

Get off of the couch!

Don't dehydrate yourself

It is important to stay hydrated. Although it isn't scorching hot outside, you can still get dehydrated.

Don't skip warm up or cool down

A warm up and cool down are essential factors in working out. Without a warm up

and cool down, you may injure yourself.

Don't do the same thing over and over

Change up your workouts so you don't over work one area.

Do eat in moderation

Know your portions. Don't overeat it at meals. (You know there will be leftovers.)

Do make and exercise plan

Set goals for the holidays and stick to them. Don't let the cool weather and good food keep you from staying healthy.

Do reward yourself

Remember it's the holiday season and you should treat yourself (in moderation).

Do get plenty of rest

Holidays are busy, but remember you need your sleep to stay healthy.

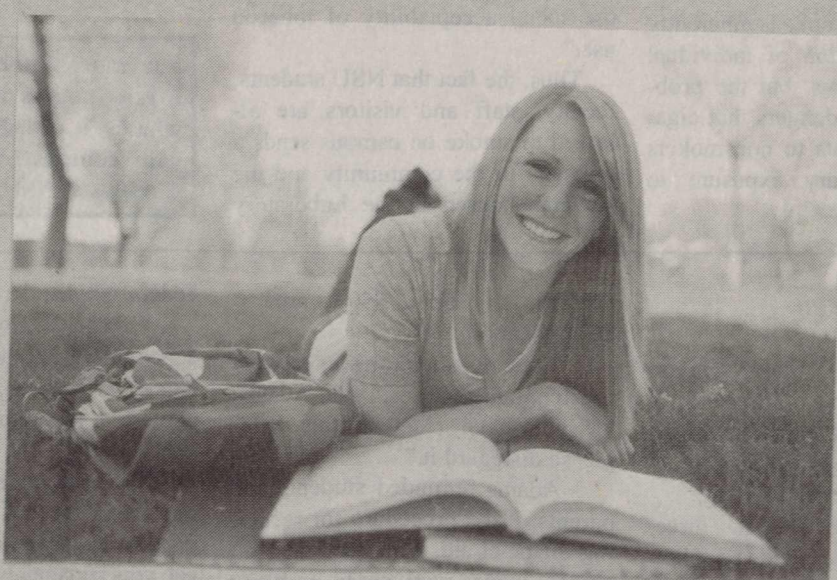
Do walk

You may think that you can only get a workout from running or going to the gym, but just walking around the block a few times this holiday season does more than you think.

Do stay healthy

Watch out for the flu during the holidays. Wash your hands and eat properly so your immune system stays strong.

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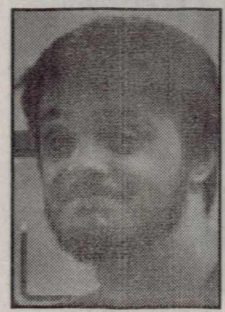
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Rants: Exporting culture

Tom H Lawler
Opinion Columnist



This weekend the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will play the Chicago Bears in Wembley Stadium in London. To me, this is very interesting. Why did and does American culture end up across the pond and around the world?

As most of you know, there is American Football and European/

British Football (or soccer, if you must). Yet, after living in jolly ol' England I know that there is a demand for both.

In fact, I was even asked to play for a county (much like our states) team. All I had to do was pay 20 pounds of sterling for an equipment deposit.

The NFL is a franchise and as such, a business. Taking this perspective it makes financial sense to explore and to move into new markets.

Other companies have done likewise, such as fast-food joints, technology distributors like Apple or Microsoft, and Coke-a-Cola all being the classic examples.

This is not a one-way street, however. That vodka you consumed is from Russia or Poland, the car you drive is from Japan and your food inspired with Mexican flavor.

As the nickname (or cliché) 'melting pot' suggests, America is and has always been a collection of different peoples and cultures.

Even humble Natchitoches has its roots in two different cultures: French and Spanish (whose flags actually fly above the cemetery on Second St.).

Consider our own campus. There are students from Asia, Latin America and Europe.

As I have also been an international student, I know first

hand that these students bring a little piece of home with them to share with us.

Now, stay with me on this. If I trade some WX cultural product for some of your YZ cultural product, then neither of us has a diverse culture because we both possess the same WXYZ aspects of culture.

Culture being the collective property of group; both intellectual property and material property each with some historical context.

This could then mean that we are all becoming part of one global culture under capitalism.

This is good not only for business, but also for international relations. After all, it is easier to

make decisions yourself, or people a lot similar to yourself.

As you set out to sell part of your culture to the rest of the world, let's say Cajun cuisine, it loses its meaning. It no longer becomes the only way to feed your fellow swamp people. It also becomes an income.

Dear reader, consider the NFL again. Will the British spectators be American after the game, as if it were the baptism of the USA? I sure hope not.

It is this perspective that therefore gives way to my opinion. The game became one tiny bit less American, one tiny bit more global business.



Charles Crain
Staff Columnist

Man bites apple

Yesterday, the first official Steve Jobs biography was released nationwide. It is expected to be a big seller, as the news of his death is still fresh on our collective minds.

In our society, we tend to mourn for those figures that made an imprint on our lives: pop culture phenomenon's who changed the way we think, dance or the way we see our lives.

Since his death, many have said that Steve Jobs changed our culture. That is true, but as we so often see, he has been painted as a saint.

Steve Jobs would be the first person to tell you that he was no saint. He was a perfectionist, and as you can see by the products he revolutionized, he expected nothing but the absolute best.

This attitude caused many employees to leave Apple with a sour taste in their mouths. Jobs would go into fits when even a single line of code was misused. We obviously know now what that complex achieved, but former employees do not look at that point of view.

Probably the most interesting aspect of this new biography is that Steve Jobs himself approved it, and he only wanted the truth to be printed. He did not want to be seen as a perfect man, he wanted to be seen as himself.

He allowed Walter Isaacson to print all of his misgivings so that his children will know the truth. Jobs was wise that way, and probably knew that his many accomplishments would eclipse his personal life. He did not want his children to have to suffer in his shadow. His decision indicates he wanted to tell them that it's ok to make mistakes because he made them too.

Why is it easier for us to overlook shortcomings in people who have passed on, but not while they are living? I don't think anyone would have said that Steve Jobs was a perfect man six months ago, just like I don't think everyone was

Dynomite: You reap what you sow

Jimmie Walker
Editor-In-Chief



Even the most demanding college schedules have a moment of lull where the individual can kick back and enjoy watching their favorite shows. That's why many of you turned to the Internet streaming service of Netflix because it offered a wide variety of shows that we all can indulge in.

I was head over heels with the service, too. Since becoming a fan favorite, Netflix increased their

membership prices. Recently, I cancelled my membership because I felt the service was doing a disservice to the people it originally appealed to.

I think this is a legitimate reason even though some of you might be calling me cheap. To back my actions up, I assure you I wasn't alone. Since the price gouge, 800,000 people cancelled their membership as well.

For those who don't know, the company doubled its monthly subscription fee to new and existing customers. In fact, the actual price for the bundled service of Internet streaming and DVD rentals is \$16. That's a 60 percent increase from the previous price of \$9.99.

Netflix CEO Reed Hastings wrote a letter to investors stating

that the primary issue for the increased membership cancellation was because of the initial shock of the price increase. I wonder how he came to that conclusion.

Obviously that was a horrible business move. Who in their right mind would not expect people to get upset for having to pay more for the service—that at times seemed to have an outdated streaming library?

The fact of the matter is that Netflix became so full of itself. It was no longer looking out for the best interest of the customers.

Hastings was voted last year's businessperson of the year in Fortune Magazine. And he so soon forgot how he and the company rose to the top of the video on demand world. Along with RedBox's help, the company managed to eliminate

Blockbuster.

I guess Hastings wasn't satisfied with the increased membership that forced Blockbuster stores to close. Or maybe he never understood one of economics' basic principles. Increasing prices will generally lead to a decrease in demand if there are substitutes.

Even I know that much about the business. Hastings can expect more people to cancel their membership as we near the holiday season.

Some of you may think \$16 isn't much to pay each month, but when there are few entertaining videos on Netflix, and you would rather save money, you'll understand why 800,000 people (including myself) have stopped paying for a lackadaisical service.

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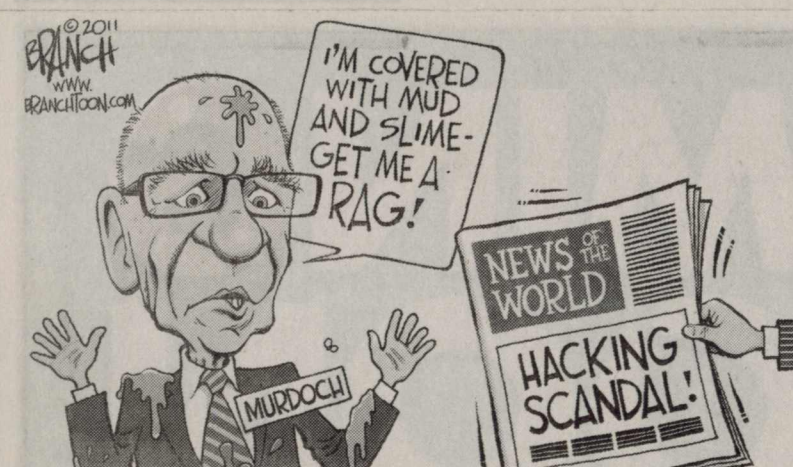
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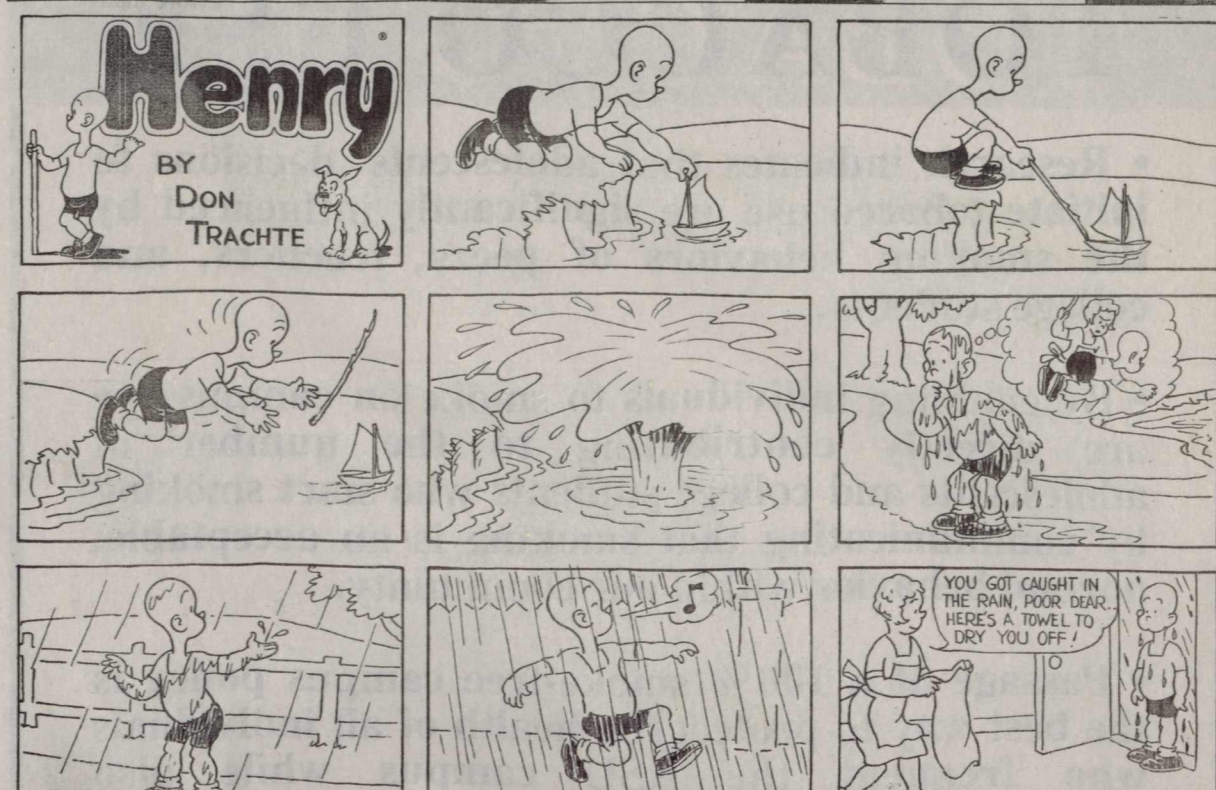
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Lady Demons draw 1-1: post season hopes still alive

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Rachel O'Steen made the most of her final regular season home soccer game for Northwestern State on Friday night as her goal in the 64th minute tied the game at 1-1 against Central Arkansas in Southland Conference action, but numerous failed chances in both overtimes left O'Steen, five other seniors and the rest of the Lady Demon scored, with a bitter taste in their mouths with the tie game.

With the tie, NSU moved to 1-5-1 in league play for a total of three points and still mathematically eligible to qualify for the league's postseason tournament which Northwestern will host Nov. 3-6. The Lady Demons (7-9-1 overall) got some help after Stephen F. Austin blanked Southeastern Louisiana.

For NSU to make the tourney, it'll need to win its remaining two games – at McNeese State next Friday and Lamar on Sunday, and have SLU lose its last three games (at Sam Houston State and hosts Texas State and UTSA).

NSU got out to a sluggish start against UCA as the Sugar Bears opened up a scoreless game with a goal in the 26th minute from Kristin Pollard from nearly 30 yards out to put her team up 1-0 as her shot sailed over the head of senior goalkeeper Christian Marks, who started the game in place of regular starter Jessica Danku.

Head coach Jimmy Mitchell started all six seniors in the contest.

"This is a really special group of seniors," said Mitchell. "To be able to watch them mature not only as players, but as students and human beings is very special."

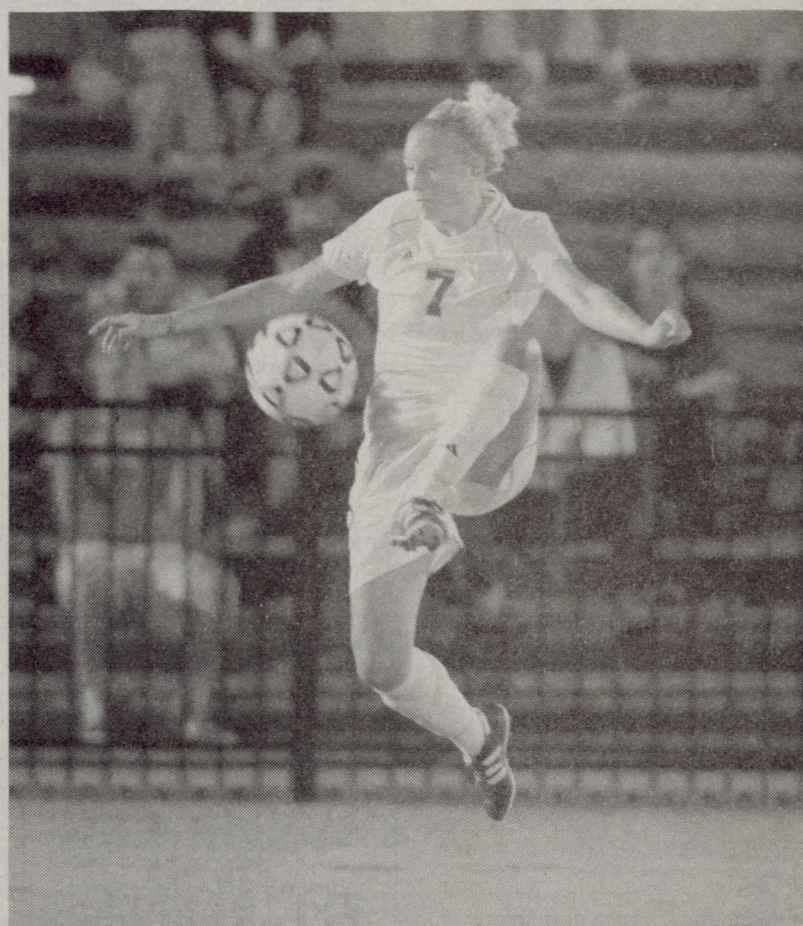


Photo by Gary Hardamon
Rachel O'Steen traps the ball in final home game as a Lady Demon. NSU tied UCA 1-1.

O'Steen lit a fire in the Lady Demons with some fancy footwork to blast past the UCA goalkeeper in the 64th minute to net her first goal of the season and tie the game at 1-1. She took a pass from Meghan Hunter, her team-leading fifth assist of the season, and dribbled up the field to go one-on-one with the goalie. After a change of direction had the goalkeeper leaning the opposite way, O'Steen lifted the ball in for the score.

Senior Kayla King nearly gave

the Lady Demons the win late in the game but her open netter shot sailed to the left of the goal.

In the first overtime period, UCA (5-9-2, 1-5-1) controlled the offensive side of the field for the first few minutes before the Lady Demons took over and missed out on a couple of attempts. Then in the second period, NSU had a golden shot at the golden goal with less than a minute to play

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Photo by Gary Hardamon
Stacey DiFrancesco sets the ball for a spike from another Lady Demon player. NSU lost the match in five sets.

Lady Demon volleyball loses 5-set nail biter

Robbie Kleinmuntz
Sauce Reporter

Despite Stacey DiFrancesco's ninth consecutive double-double, the Northwestern State volleyball team fell in an incredibly tight five-set battle on the road on Saturday to Texas-Arlington in Texas Hall – 20-25, 25-17, 20-25, 25-19 and 15-11.

DiFrancesco tallied a match-high 15 kills and a career-high 29 digs for NSU (8-15, 4-6), but UTA (8-16, 4-6) took control of the final two sets to oust the Lady Demons in five.

Emily Sweet recorded her fifth double-double of the season with a match-high 43 assists and 12 digs.

Vanessa Coleman came one short of tying her career-high with 14 kills, and also rejected three UTA attacks. To further the attack, Kelly Jimenez posted nine kills, while Nicole Hajka and Mackenzie Neely had eight and six, respectively.

Keelie Arneson registered 19 digs for the Lady Demons on the defensive end, and also dished out three assists. As a team, NSU dug up a season-high 83 attacks.

In the first set, NSU got off to a quick 4-0 start after a couple of aces by Hajka, but the Mavs would take the next five to go up, 5-4. Still trailing 7-5, the Lady Demons reeled off four in a row after a kill by Neely to take the lead, 9-7.

Still ahead 9-8, DiFrancesco sparked a monster 9-0 tear with a couple kills to go up 18-8 with Sweet serving. The run was the biggest so far this season for the Lady Demons in conference.

With NSU up 20-10 after a block assist by Neely/Jimenez, UTA went on a 6-0 run to cut the deficit to 20-16.

Hajka tallied a kill on the next point to keep NSU on top, 21-16. The Mavs then came within just three points, trailing 23-20, but a spike by Neely and an ace by Sweet won the Lady Demons the set, 25-20.

Coleman led the way offensively for the Lady Demons in the first with four kills, while Neely had three kills and a couple blocks.

The Lady Demons fell behind early in the second, 5-2, but took the lead after a 4-0 run was highlighted by a block by DiFrancesco, 6-5. With the score tied 7-7, NSU went

on a 3-0 run after a kill by Hajka to go up, 10-7, but UTA matched it to keep it tied, 10-10.

Still even at 11-11, the Mavs went on a 6-0 streak to go ahead, 17-11. The Lady Demons cut the lead to 22-17 after a kill by DiFrancesco, but just couldn't find the big run that it needed and would drop the set, 25-17.

Coleman led the way with a team-high seven kills (.308) at the break, and DiFrancesco posted five kills and 13 digs through two frames.

With the score tied 8-8 in the third, NSU took three in a row to go up 11-8 after a pair of kills by DiFrancesco.

Still ahead 14-11, DiFrancesco tacked on a couple more to extend the lead up to 17-11, forcing UTA into a timeout. The Mavs then responded, going on a 7-2 run to chop the lead to 19-18.

Jimenez would answer with back-to-back kills to keep NSU up 21-18.

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Students get hands-on experience with simulation labs

NSU News Bureau

“Hi, Alice. I’m Brooke and I’m going to be your labor and delivery nurse. How are you feeling?” asked Brooke Humphries before examining a 24-year-old named Alice who was in labor. Within a few moments, Humphries and other nurses discovered that Alice’s baby was breach. Going over her chart, they considered several factors before deciding whether to make a breach delivery or prepare for a Caesarean section, all while maintaining a professional and caring attitude towards their patient and preparing for the baby’s arrival.

Alice is actually a high fidelity interactive mannequin whose job is to simulate labor and delivery for Humphries, a student from Natchitoches, and her classmates in their third semester of clinicals at Northwestern State University’s College of Nursing and Allied Health. Alice and other human patient simulators are part of Northwestern State’s Shreveport Nursing Center simulation labs, facilities designed to provide realistic scenarios for student practice. Each student nurse attending Alice had a role in the difficult breach delivery.

Assistant Professor of Nursing Mollie Moody asked the team of students questions about Alice’s and her baby’s condition and coached them on how to communicate with each other. Anatomically correct Alice can be programmed to respond to questions and simulate the processes of labor. The students were preparing for a test that would take place on the following day in which they would demonstrate their knowledge of procedure in the labor and delivery room, as well as examining the newborn and recording its Apgar score.

In another assessment lab, first semester nursing students made abdominal, lymphatic and head and neck and assessments under the instruction of Dr. Debra Clark, assistant professor of nursing, and Callie Roberts, lab coordinator. In this class, students began the semester learning to check vitals before moving on to dressing wounds, inserting catheters, changing beds occupied by patients and practicing bedside manner with low fidelity mannequins and a few realistic body parts.

“I love the anatomy and physiology part of it,” said student Alison Tison as she practiced administering an intramuscular injection into a realistic gluteus maximus. “Plus the

fact that you are helping people.” Meanwhile, Denise Winiarski’s first semester clinicals class practiced the proper technique for putting on surgical gloves without contaminating them.

“We follow the rules of asepsis and practice living in the rules of sterility. By the time they are fourth level students, it’s second nature,” Winiarski said.

The students in the simulation labs were enthusiastic about the hands-on nature of nursing.

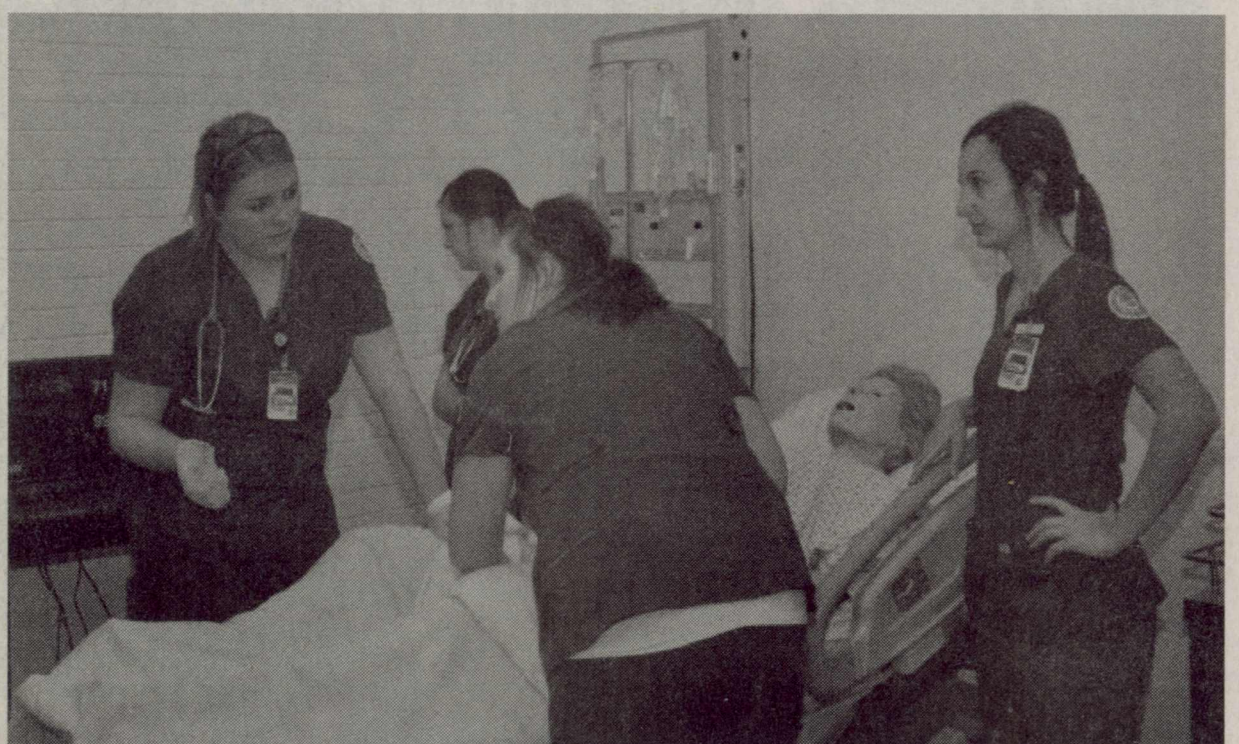
“It’s fun,” said Hael Golden of Bossier City. “But when we have practicum days, you’re stressed.”

“If you fail practicum, you fail,” added Chantelle Stephens of Shreveport.

“I don’t think people realize what we do,” said Winiarski, who chairs the Department of Nursing’s simulation committee. “In addition to the mannequins, we have laypeople who volunteer to come in and work with students in the simulation lab. We work on communication, ethics, the things that nurses are expected to know about each patient and the way a nurse should think.

That includes learning skills to relate to a patient’s family.

“A nurse may have to break bad news to the wife of a heart attack



Third semester nursing students Brooke Humphries, Tyler Todd, Stacey Moore and Lauren Sadka work on a dummy machine during a simulation lab to gain experience for their future careers.

patient. Patients die. In difficult situations, they have to be prepared to have those conversations,” Winiarski said.

Practicing on the simulator mannequins helps students gain valuable experience in hands-on care, critical

decision-making and teamwork. In addition to Alice, the department’s high fidelity mannequins include two male mannequins and a toddler mannequin in a crib with pediatric monitors. The mannequins breathe, blink their eyes, sigh, moan, talk and

can be programmed to simulate different ailments or trauma. Each has its own chart with nurse’s notes. Students

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Social Work Club helping local agency

NSU’s Social Work Club is collecting baby items for the Women’s Resource Center of Natchitoches through Nov. 14. They will set up a table at the Natchitoches Walmart on Sunday from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. to collect donations. Items needed include baby wash, shampoo and conditioner, bibs, rattles, pacifiers, baby lotion, baby power, bottles, booties, brush/comb sets, washclothes, changing pads, receiving blankets and stuffed animals. For more information on how to make a donation, contact Brandy Beavers at (318) 228-4894.

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Submit artwork to Argus

Submit your creative work to Argus for a chance to win \$100 and be published. Poetry, fiction, nonfiction, art and photography are all accepted. There are contests for each section. To submit and for more information, email argus@nsula.edu. Deadline is Dec. 9.

Vera Bradley bingo

Phi Mu Fraternity is raising money for the Children’s Miracle Network Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in Prather Coliseum. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call (318) 663-8230.

Career Exploration Area set up in Watson Library

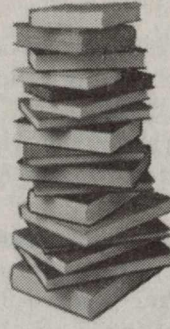
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Northwestern State University students have a new place to find valuable information on the career planning process.

A Career Exploration Area has been set up in the Reference Room on the first floor of Watson Library through the efforts of Rebecca Boone, director of the Office of Counseling and Career Services, and Reference Librarian Elizabeth Graves.

“We hope these new resources will encourage students to use library services more often,” said Graves. “By coming over and using

the Career Exploration Area, they can find out the many services available for them.”



Information is available on: descriptions, requirements, salary, outlook on all types of careers; tests that can help students understand themselves and identify careers that would allow them to use

the personality strengths and practice tests for certain career fields.

The Career Information Area can

also help Northwestern State students prepare for interviews, build resumes, learn about searching for a job and find out how to make the transition to the world of work.

“We want to encourage use of the library because there is so much here for the students to use,” said Boone. “Hopefully, they will get used to coming here and will be encouraged to find out all that is available for them.”

Students who take online classes or who attend one of NSU’s other campuses can access the Career Exploration Area online by going to libguides.nsula.edu and clicking on career exploration.

Student business club seeks charter members

NSU News Bureau

The Northwestern State University School of Business is forming an organization specifically for women in business, the Northwestern State Business Women Association. Membership is open to all women engaged in careers in various business fields.

“The purpose of this venture is to foster networking for women in business who are stakeholders in Northwestern, provide scholarships for women who are enrolled in the School of Business and promote

and invest in the Northwestern State School of Business,” said Tony Hernandez, chief development officer for the Northwestern State School of Business.

According to Hernandez, the first 100 members of NSBWA will be recognized as charter members and awarded a specially designed pin. Those interested in becoming charter members are invited to complete an application posted on the Northwestern State Office of Alumni and Development website, northwesternalumni.com, or the School of Business website, business.nsula.edu.

edu. Membership dues are \$100 per year. One-half of that amount will be designated for the scholarship fund; the rest will go towards operating expenses.

The deadline for completing the application and payment of dues to become a charter member is Nov. 30, 2011.

For more information, contact School of Business faculty Dr. Margaret Kilcoyne at kilcoynem@nsula.edu, Margaret Vienne at viennem@nsula.edu or call (318) 357-4243. Forms for becoming a member are also online at nsula.edu/nsbwa.

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Pictured above, members of Student Theatre Organization perform 'Rocky Horror Picture Show' last Thursday night in The Alley. The show included ten main characters as well as supporting roles.

Photo by Katie Beverly

'Rocky Horror Picture Show' grabs students' attention

Katie Beverly
Sauce Reporter

Last Thursday Northwestern State University's Student Theatre Organization held its annual showing of Rocky Horror Picture Show in the Alley of the Student Union.

A \$3 donation to the organization was requested to attend and traditional Rocky Horror 'goodie bags' were available for \$2.

The 'goodie bags' included props that are traditionally given to the audience, such as rice and a newspaper page, that correspond to parts of the Rocky Horror Picture Show.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show is usually shown around Halloween in theatres because of the influences from Frankenstein, aliens, and science fiction elements that mesh with Halloween.

Traditional elements of theatre showings of Rocky Horror are callbacks and costumes.

Scripts are provided to detail these callbacks that have been traditional since the Halloween of 1976.

Live shows of Rocky Horror have encouraged the audience to come in costume and participating in callbacks since it gained cult followers in the late 70s.

The preshow entertainment included the student improvisation comedy troupe "Out on a Limb" and risqué Rocky Horror related games.

Victoria Olivier, a junior in the theatre department, played the role of the criminologist, the

movie's narrator.

"We've been practicing all of this week, and we had maybe two or three rehearsals before that," Olivier said. "The beauty of our production is that it's what's called a shadow cast – we lip-sync and base our movements off of what's going on in the movie."

Olivier added that the show benefitted from the audience's contribution.

"It's really not a live show until someone starts yelling and throwing things at the screen," Olivier said. "Generally speaking, for the first-time viewers, it's very, very weird, but if you keep an open mind, it's great fun. Since I'm playing the criminologist this year, I get to sit back and watch most of the show, and that's super fun for me."

Becca Hunt, a senior studying classics at the Louisiana Scholars' College, has been going to theatre performance since becoming a student here.

"This year's Rocky Horror Picture Show was shadow cast in the round, so the audience sat all around the stage while still being able to see the screen," Hunt said.

Hunt explained that The Alley was constantly full of energy for the pre-show games and activities, and that energy carried over into the performance.

"This year the fifties influenced the costuming, and a lot of thought was put into using the dancers not only as cast, but also as props, Hunt said.

Phi Mu's, Demons team with E Lab's Halloween run

Brittany Jeanice
Sauce Reporter

Last Saturday, the women of Phi Mu Fraternity and members of the NSU men's basketball team assisted the Elementary Lab School's 'Spooktacular' 5K run.

As part of their service to the NSU community, the basketball team showed runners of all ages the run course.

The ladies of Phi Mu passed out hot chocolate and water as participants finished the race.

The race began at 8:30 a.m. with the 1 mile course and 8:45 a.m. for the 5k portion.

With more than 125 pre-registered, volunteers were needed as children of all ages swarmed the site, ready to get racing.

"I feel service is important to the

community because it gives back to the people in it," said Amy Pogue, sophomore hospitality management and tourism major.

The Spooktacular was hosted by the Elementary Lab Running Club, which meets every Tuesday and Thursday, running two to three hours each day.

All coaches are volunteers within the school, and they assist and motivate the children to enjoy physical activity.

For each mile the child runs, he or she receives a bead. After the 26th mile, the student receives a marathon charm.

Each semester the Elementary Lab organizes races, with the spring race titled "Spring Fever."



Photo by Sherry Recer

Balloons for Kasey

Last Wednesday, members of the Natchitoches community and NSU students came together to celebrate the 21st birthday of Kasey Joelle Ragan by releasing balloons symbolically up to her Heaven. The balloons featured the words written "You will always be in our hearts." Ragan was a sophomore psychology major who passed away on March 10, 2011. A memorial fund has been set up in her honor and all proceeds go to Louisiana Lions Camp for Crippled Children, where she worked as a summer camp counselor for two years. Because the camp was dear to her heart, her family has fundraising events planned for March 9-10, 2012. You can join in on the cause by going to www.Facebook.com/KCLovesLC



Submitted photo

Phi Mu helps bring 'miracles'

The women of Phi Mu Fraternity visited Francis Cabrini Hospital this past weekend, and they were able "to lend to those less fortunate a helping hand." The ladies brought stuffed animals and Halloween goodies to the children within the hospital wing and boosted the spirits of the sick children.

Adopting Children's Miracle Network in 1986 as a national philanthropy, Phi Mu Fraternity has strived to raise awareness and funds for this generous cause.

With over 170 hospitals over its watch, Children's Miracle Network raises money for those unable to afford the care for their children. Raising over \$4.3 billion to date, the philanthropy reaches out and supports those in need.

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Rants: The occupation of Wall Street

Tom H. Lawler
Opinion Columnist



movement seeks to disrupt and perhaps dismantle the income inequality in America.

According to the Christian Science Monitor, this inequality is at an all time high. Also, the overall report from the U.S. Census states that the number of our fellow citizens living in poverty is above

normal.

So there is reason for the protest, and I even suggest reasons for their weirdness. Nevertheless, criticisms of these protests and occupations insist on several things.

For most of the complaints, either wackos, weirdos, winos and freaks are causing public disturbances in a place of business.

In this country there are just two of many complaints against the demonstrators.

While some of the above may be true, I am still in favor of these demonstrations for a few simple reasons.

The primary of which is historical. In 1773, a bunch of people dressed like crazed savages, trespassed on to an ocean going vessel at port, and 'removed' it's cargo from it's holds. Imagine the punish-

ment if it were today!

Dear reader, do you see the lunacy in those men's actions? Are they any more looney than the person wearing a Guy Fawkes mask with a dollar bill taped to it?

I wonder what might happen if a carpenter's son from a tiny roman village in Palestine didn't choose to live in poverty, say outrageous things (for the time) and didn't stand up to the powers that were.

This leads to the second reason. I understand these occupants are not viewed favorably on account of display and appearance. I further go on to accept that there may not be any clear objective other than chaos.

But as one of the greatest American spiritualist and writers R.W. Emerson once wrote: "to be great is to be misunderstood."

And if you have never been to a carnival, New Orleans, Asheville, San Francisco, or a concert then these people must seem very misunderstood. Fear not, for they do one thing we all should.

A third and final reason of mine takes a look at the way this country changes through time. According to the census, only 64 percent of us voted in the 2008 election (which was actually up only a few percent). Considering our civil duties, that is appalling.

I understand that people are wearing leopard spandex and quoting Marx and Voltaire. More importantly here people are expressing their concerns about the state of our economy. They seek amends.

Even though they are 99 percent strong, they still have a good fight against an ominous op-

ponent, corporate America.

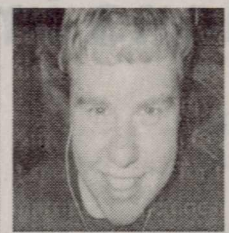
It is not uncommon for people to make outrageous claims in an attempt to modify society.

Going back to what is above, we all should do attempt to modify society.

Maybe we could vote more because no one is stopping you from expressing an opinion. It doesn't even need to be a good one to be spoken (take mine for example).

So to make sure I have driven the point home: it is too easy to call them hippies and mock these people.

However, these zany hippies are doing what they argue is best for America. They have the freedom, relevance and oddities necessary to do so.



Charles Crain
Staff Columnist

Take my 'Kardashian, please'

The number one topic on Twitter Monday was "#ThingsLongerThanKimK'sWedding." This woman has made untold millions by selling her image and her family, but She wants privacy during this difficult time.

I cannot abide by the new celebrity culture of people that become famous because they air their dirty laundry for the entire world to see. Paris Hilton started this trend, and she has since faded away. Time is ticking for the Kardashian sisters.

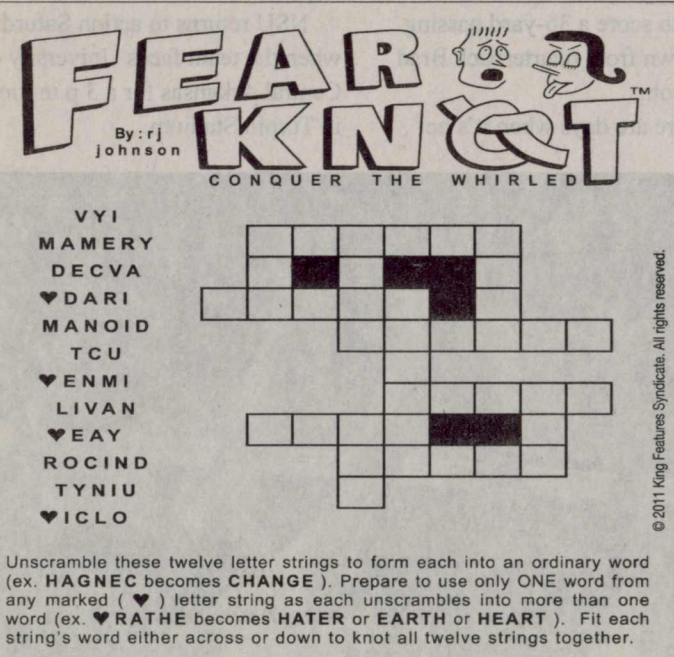
Kim filed for divorce a mere 72 days after she made over \$17 million to get married in the first place. Of course, it was filmed for her television show. She sold the wedding pictures to People magazine for a reported \$2.5 million. I have to hand it to her, it took some balls to register at different outlets and let guests buy things for you when you knew that it was a sham marriage. Will Justin Bieber ask for the black vase back?

There are millions of people in this country who are fighting every day for the right to marry. When a gay couple wants the opportunity to marry and share their lives, they are denied over the pretense of "preserving the sanctity of marriage." I don't know what says sanctity of marriage more than getting paid for a wedding and then divorcing weeks later.

I certainly don't want Kim Kardashian to think she is a spokesperson for traditional marriage. She doesn't speak for anything but herself, or what ever will bring her more fame and fortune. The blame for her exploits lands solely on our shoulders.

We are the ones who watched her show, bought her products and talked about her. We gave her this platform. Congratulations America.

But, where do we go from here? Who will be the next person



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Sauce Vocabulary

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Resembling the blue of the sky

Origin: Cerulean comes from the Latin word "caeruleus," which means dark blue, and "caelum," the Latin word for sky.

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Demons improve to three-game win streak with win over Bobcats

Jimmie Walker
Editor-in-Chief

Senior Demon tight end Justin Aldredge's role increased when key players on the offense started to suffer from injuries.

Saturday's matchup against Texas State proved how broad his shoulders are as he migrated from tight end to tailback and scored a pivotal touchdown which secured the Demons' 23-10 victory over the Texas State Bobcats.

It was only Aldredge's second carry from the tailback position. His first came earlier in the game, but he didn't see similar success because of missed cutback opportunity.

After being coached on the sideline, Aldredge recognized his flaw and corrected it for a 33-yard touchdown run that pushed lead to 23-10 late in the fourth quarter.

"I'm really proud of him [Aldredge]," Demon football head coach Bradley Dale Peveto said. "He's a guy that you could put at center and he would play good. He

stepped up with a big run on third and inches that went all the way for a touchdown, and it put us up two scores."

Aldredge's performance was one of the few bright spots for the Demon offense as the unit struggled to match the esteem of its recent games.

"Texas State was very physical up front," Aldredge said. They did some good things and made it tough for us the entire game."

The other bright spots were two early scores that help the Demons take a 14-point lead before the end of the first quarter.

On the Demons' opening drive, wide receiver Phillip Harvey broke open a 47-yard run from the wildcat formation that went all the way for a touchdown.

Later in the period, the Demons drew up a scheme that forced the Bobcats to key in on Aldredge, which allow receiver Louis Hollier to score a 36-yard passing touchdown from quarterback Brad Henderson.

"There are days when it's not

pretty, when you have to gut it out when you're not playing your best," Peveto said.

"We made enough plays on offense, on defense and in special teams to win today against a really good, extremely well-coached opponent."

"Our guys came through when we had to," he said. "That's what we did best today -- make winning plays."

The Defense came up with key plays that stopped the Bobcats from scoring on four of their red zone trips despite being gashed for 330 yard, 247 coming from rushing attempts.

"The first fumble recovery helped us put points up. The last two kept points off the board," Peveto said. "We focused on winning turnover margin all offseason, especially on creating turnovers, and today showed how important it is to winning games."

NSU returns to action Saturday when the team faces University of Central Arkansas for a 3 p.m. kickoff in Turpin Stadium.

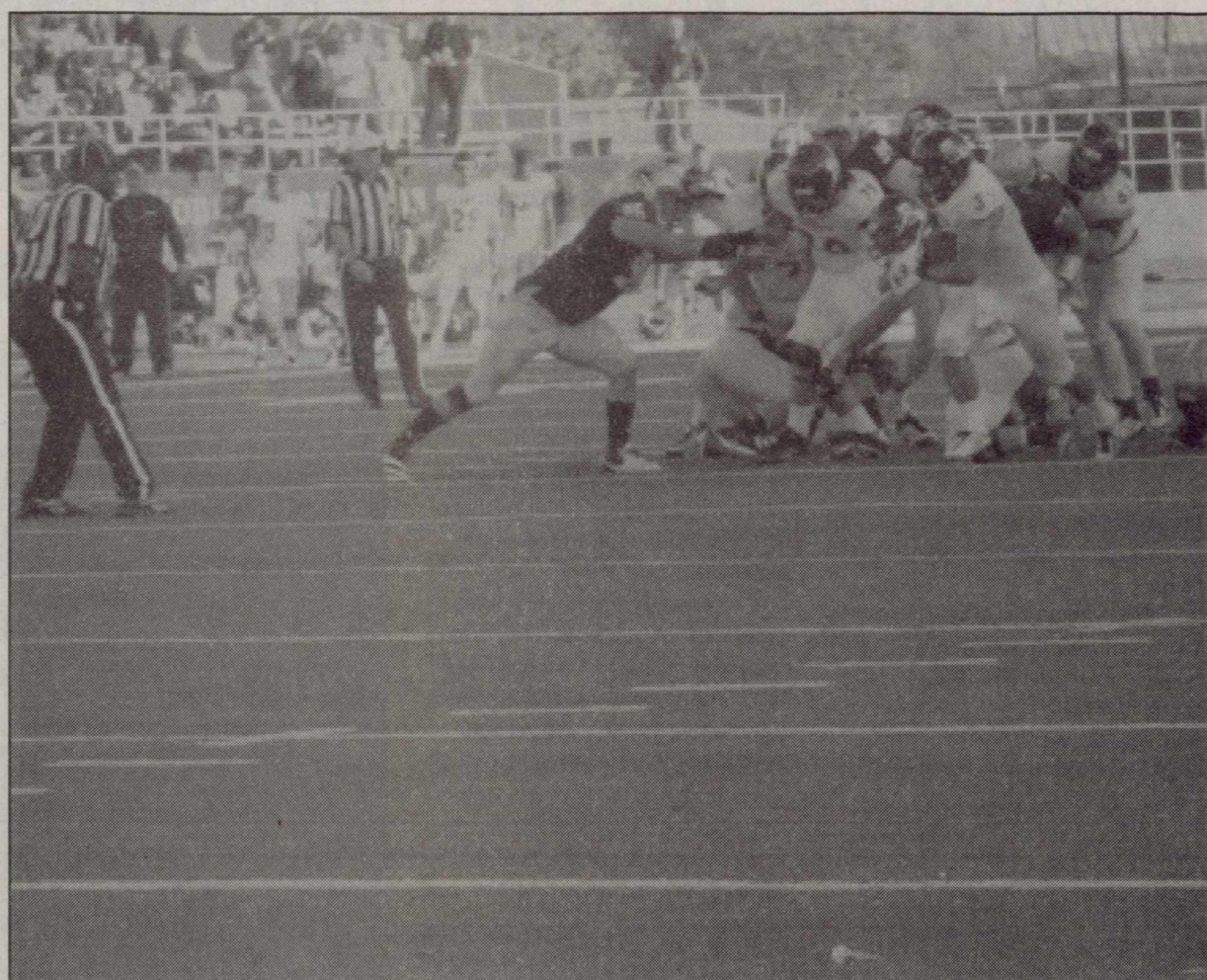
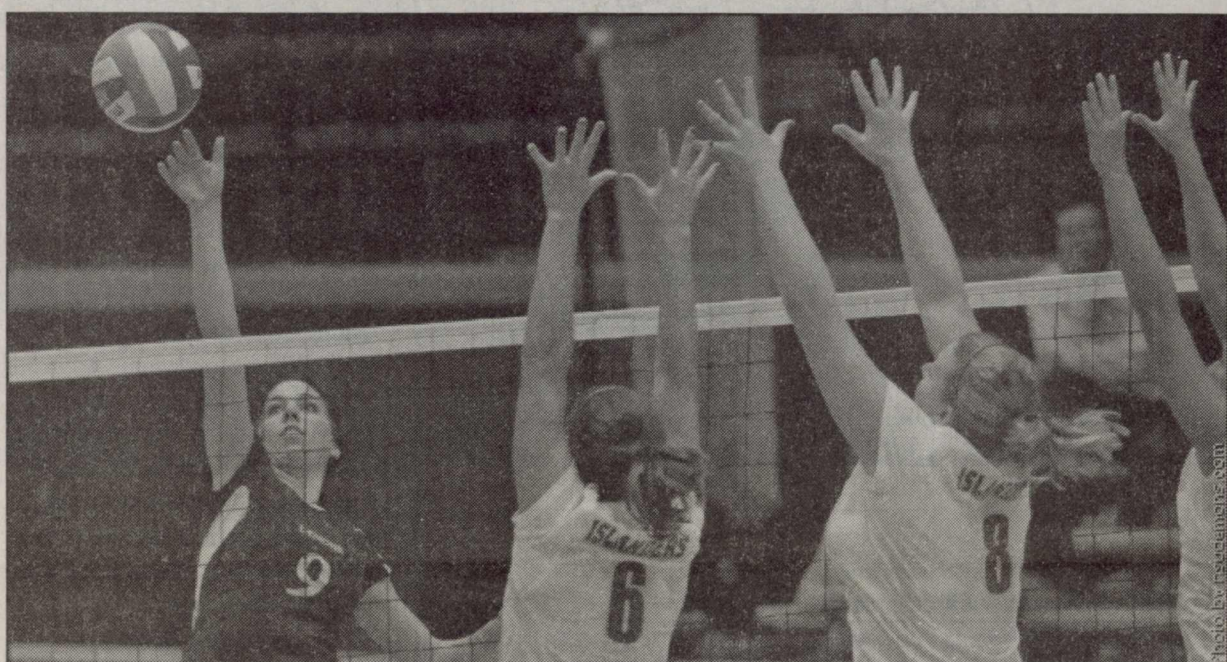


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Demon tight end Justin Aldredge breaks open a third down run for a touchdown.



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Kelly Jimenez spikes the ball past three TAMUCC players. The Lady Demons lost in five games."

Lady Demons edged by TAMUCC in five

Robbie Kleinmuntz
Sauce Reporter

Keelie Arneson, Stacey DiFrancesco and Kelly Jimenez all tallied double-doubles, but the Northwestern State volleyball team just couldn't pull out the fifth set against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Saturday in Prather Coliseum - 22-25, 25-23, 25-19, 22-25 and 15-10.

"We needed to be more aggressive in the ending moments," said co-head coach Hugh Hernesman. "We also need to start establishing a higher level of consistency that's needed to beat good teams, and that's something we'll continue to work on."

Starting her first ever game at setter, Arneson dished out a career-high 41 assists and also dug up 12 to complete her first double-double for NSU (8-17, 5-8). Though, a courageous fifth set from TAMUCC (13-16, 5-7) was the difference.

"Keelie has done great so far at setter, especially considering the

amount of training she's had at that position this season," said Hernesman. "As I said Thursday, she's just a great all-around volleyball player and a tremendous competitor."

Tamara Hanna registered a career-high 25 digs defensively at libero, while Jessica Gutierrez came in off the bench to dig eight.

"Tamara did great for us defensively, and she'd probably even say that she could have done even better," Hernesman said. "Our expectations for her are high and she performed to that level today."

DiFrancesco recorded her 14th double-double of the season with 17 kills and 13 digs, while Jimenez put up her ninth double-double with 13 kills and 11 digs.

Vanessa Coleman and Mackenzie Neely also contributed offensively, smashing eight and six kills, respectively.

For TAMUCC, Brooke Alverson was the decisive player, squashing 17 kills and hitting at a .406 mark. Micah Nolan led the defense with

19 digs, and Sarah Sanchez scored a double-double with 16 digs and 13 kills.

The teams started even in the first set at 11-11 when NSU took four out of five points to jump ahead, 16-12. After a couple kills by DiFrancesco, the Lady Demons extended the lead out to 20-14, and then 24-18 once Neely found her groove. The Islanders took four straight to make it close, but Jimenez was there for a spike to end the set, 25-22.

DiFrancesco slammed a match-high five kills in the first, while Hanna dug up 7. NSU improved to 16-9 on the season in the opening frame of matches

A heated second set started even (10-10) when TAMUCC spurted ahead 17-14 when Alverson put a couple down. NSU quickly came back to tie it, 17-17, when Coleman finished on an attack.

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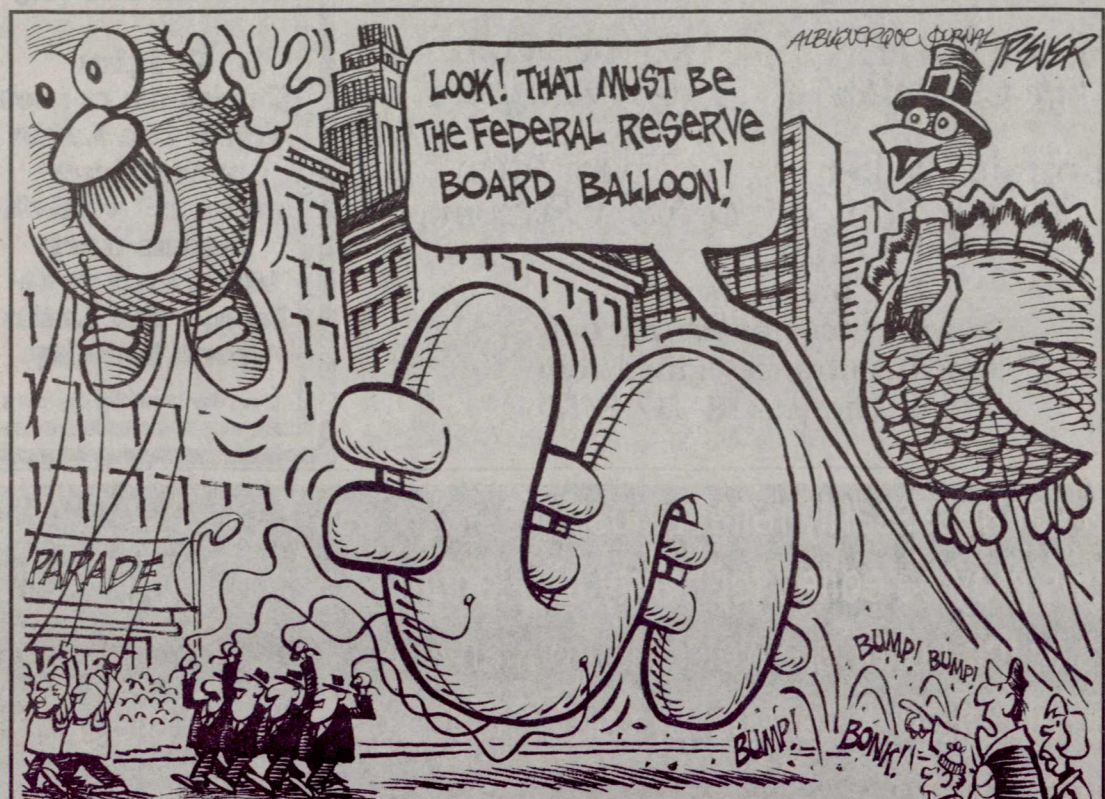
Job Options for Tobacco Users DECLINING

- Companies across the United States are beginning to ban hiring of tobacco users and/or passing policies to prohibit tobacco use in the workplace. Prominent companies with hiring bans include the Cleveland Clinic, Baylor Healthcare System, Alaska Airlines, Turner Broadcasting, and Union Pacific Railroad.
- Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria recently passed a policy that will prohibit employees from using tobacco products while on their shifts and breaks, and also ban them from working if the smell of smoke is on their clothing.
- Other prominent nationwide companies with comprehensive worksite smoking/tobacco use bans include Coca-Cola, General Electric Company (GE), General Mills, Johnson & Johnson, BF Goodrich Tire Manufacturing, and Dow Chemical Company.

Based on these trends, a 100% smoke-free campus policy at NSU would better prepare students for success in the business world. Show your support for passage of a 100% smoke-free campus policy at NSU by signing the petition at the Fresh Campus at NSU Facebook page.

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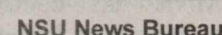
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Roentgen's first radiography was of his wife's hand. The first x-ray images of patients in the United States were created in February

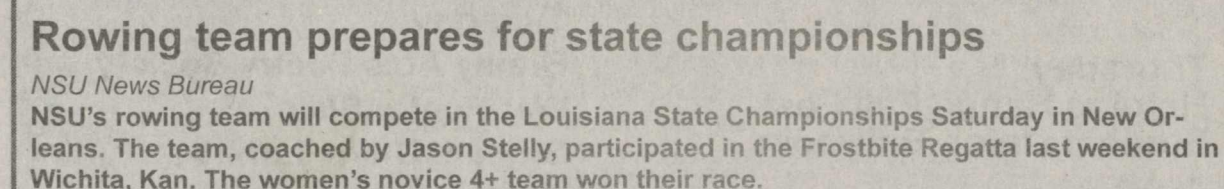
Radiology's use is not limited to medicine. X-rays provide security at airports and play a role in developing improved strains of grain, controlling some kinds of insects, detecting flaws in industrial materials, identifying counterfeit art, irradiating food

"In recent years, radiologic technology has been experiencing a major revolution in the technology utilized in imaging and processing," said Dr. Laura Carwile Aaron, department head and graduate coordinator of Radiologic Sciences. "While the traditional radiology department once depended on film as the medium for recording a patient's diagnostic images, most departments are no longer using film as the storage medium for images. Diagnostic images are now being created and stored electronically, using digital technology. This new technology has created a challenge for educators and students to keep pace with the quickly changing clinical environment. Students must learn

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The invention of X rays have given doctors and nurses vital information about a patient to help better their health care. The Radiologic Sciences program is celebrating this invention during Radiologic Technology Week (Nov. 6 through 11) by learning more about the invention and participating in special events throughout the week.



The election will take place Nov. 19, and both candidates are heavily campaigning and hoping to get the opportunity to represent the constituents of District 23.

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It's in the bag

Bingo raises funds for children's hospitals

Brittany Jeanice
Guest writer

Monday, the women of Phi Mu Fraternity organized their second annual Vera Bradley Bingo, which took place in Prather Coliseum.

Coordinated by sophomore Victoria Hippler, the event raised awareness and funds for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals; the philanthropy of Phi Mu Fraternity.

The organization raised \$6,659.75 on Monday night's event. Established in 1983, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals raise awareness and necessary funding for children whose families are unable to afford unexpected medical emergencies.

Ever since its founding, CMNH has contributed over \$4 billion to hospitals around the United States, including St. Jude's Hospital. Phi Mu Fraternity adopted Children's Miracle Network Hospitals as their philanthropy in 1986 and has been dedicated and determined to raise national attention to this cause by allowing chapters to host nationwide events.

These events range from baseball tournaments to Vera Bradley Bingo.

Sophomore secondary mathematics education major, Gillian

Brown, enjoyed the event and stated, "I'm so proud of my sisters for all their hard work and dedication into this project and the great success they made it."

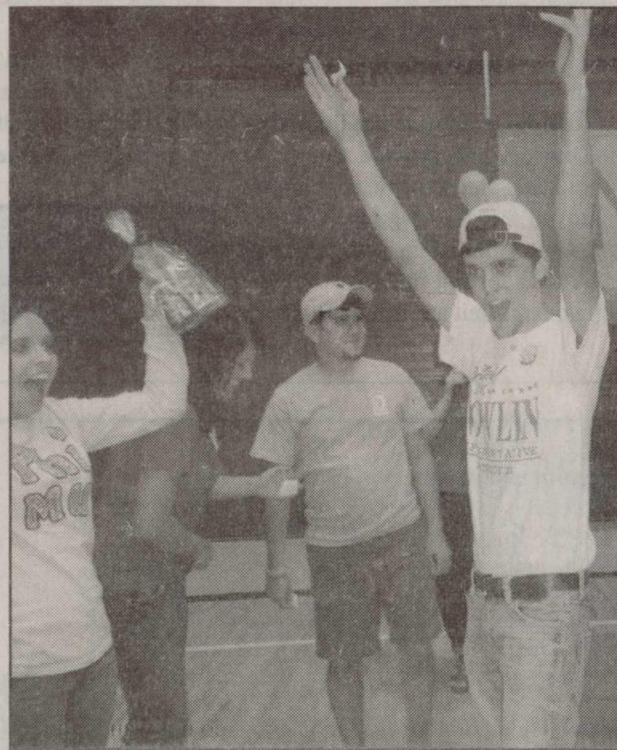
The women of Phi Mu entertained the community of Natchitoches and NSU students with raffles and Vera Bradley bags worth up to \$100.

Ten rounds of bingo were played and ten Vera Bradley bags were given away as well as other door prizes.

Julie Peebles, sophomore early childhood education major said, "Vera Bradley was a major success, and it warms our hearts that we could raise over \$6,000 dollars for Children's Miracle Network. Everything ran smoothly and people enjoyed themselves. Victoria Hippler's hard work and precise planning paid off," Peebles said.

"It's great to be able to see a group of girls working hard towards a great cause."

All funds raised will be sent to St. Francis Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria, Louisiana. Next spring, the women of Phi Mu Fraternity will host their second annual Crawfish Boil as another fundraising event for CMNH.



Above, Phi MUs, Taylor Layman, Harlie Dominique and Kathleen Sylvester support Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Vera Bradley Bingo. Ten Vera Bradley bags were given away Monday night.

Far left, NSU students and people of the Natchitoches community played ten rounds of bingo to win one of the ten Vera Bradley bags. All proceeds went to support children's medical treatment.

Left, Michael Stepenson shows his excitement of winning one of the ten rounds of bingo and a Vera Bradley bag.

Photos by: Yvette Wagoner



Photo by Joshua Mitchell

Alpha Phi Alpha, Theta Chi chapter presents 1906 and Park in Student Union Ballroom Thursday.

NSU Alphas bring popular show to campus

Kyla Winey
Sauce reporter

In honor of Alpha Week, the Theta Chi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated presented 1906 and Park, a parody of the original BET show, 106 and Park.

As in the original show, the top 10 music videos were played to show the campus's favorite videos of the season. Students got the chance to interact with the host Kevin Blake, as a live audience and dancing were encouraged.

Door prizes were given away, and a prize was also given for the most live (most excited) audience member. To go along with other aspects of the show, a freestyle battle and R&B competition was also held to showcase talent at NSU.

"It was an idea that was brought up a couple of years ago, but we didn't have the manpower to put it on," says President Derrick Houston. "I believe that it was a successful

event, and we made the best of it."

"It took a lot of thought and planning. When dealing with media there is always a chance of having technical difficulties, but we didn't have any of that. I think it was a very successful and creative idea, and people on campus enjoyed the event," Houston added.

Special guests included the celebrity look-alikes of "Beyoncé", "Drake" and "Kevin Hart."

A Twitter trending topic was also introduced called "#YouHitIt." By tagging this trend, audience members were able to comment on the topic, and their participation increased the enthusiasm of the show.

"The show was really good. The enthusiasm in the crowd wasn't that great, but it still ended up being fun," freshman Kim Galloway said. "I really enjoyed the host's rap. I think it

surprised everyone."

"I definitely had fun. I thought it was a good event for the campus because it wasn't done yet. Blake explained that he enjoyed seeing a full room as he stood in front of the audience and played the role of Terrence J from the original show. "The attendance showed that the campus was very interested in being there. It was a successful event for the most part, and if we do it in the future, we will focus on getting more crowd participation," Kevin Blake, host and Alpha Phi Alpha member said.

The night ended with a flashback video of Michael Jackson's "Rock With You", a soul train line and a video of the current members of Alpha Phi Alpha.

"The show was a huge success, and we thank everyone that came out to support us," Houston said.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday- Saturday:
Importance of Being Earnest
Theatre West
7:30 p.m.

Thursday:
Helping Hands Fall Fest
Student Union Ballroom
5:00 p.m.

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Student Union Ballroom
3:00 p.m.

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Fresh Campus faces opposition

Justin Dollar
Guest Columnist

As I pick up each new issue of *The Current Sauce*, I have become less surprised of what I will find within its pages.

Granted I have only been a student of Northwestern State University since March of 2010, I have had the opportunity to come across quite a few issues. As of late, I have seen nothing but "submitted by Fresh Campus" articles and advertisements paid for by Fresh Campus.

Are those advertisements being paid for by the grant that Fresh Campus receives? As long as it is not coming out of my student fees, I have no problem with what Fresh Campus wants to advertise. Fresh Campus, like any Recognized Student Organization, is free to do and say whatever they want as long as it falls within the rules and regulations set forth by the university.

They also have freedom of speech as outlined by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America. But quite frankly, I am getting tired of reading week after week about Fresh Campus and how they

want to make Northwestern State University a 100 percent smoke-free university.

As some of you may or may not know, I have been very public about my disagreement with Fresh Campus and what they want to do. I co-host SGA Corner on 91.7 KNWD on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. (shameless plug), and I have made it very clear about my stance on their (Fresh Campus') relentless attempts to ram a 100 percent smoke-free environment down the throats of students, faculty and staff. I must make it known that my opinions are not the opinions of the SGA in its entirety.

The power of radio is astounding. Just a few weeks ago I said on the air "if Fresh Campus solely attacks the smokers, it will be the last thing they do." Apparently, someone was listening. I am a follower of Fresh Campus on Facebook. I am not a member, but I Facebook stalk them nevertheless.

There is a "petition" asking people to support a 100 percent smoke-free campus, and as of November 6, 2011, there have been 14 signatures. Future doesn't look too bright, does it? Let's get back to my point of solely

attacking smokers.

Until I made it apparent on air that discriminating against smokers would be a huge mistake, Fresh Campus was a "student-led initiative to make NSU a 100 percent smoke-free campus." As of November 1, 2011, they have since changed their stance and want to make NSU a 100 percent tobacco-free campus.

Which is it Fresh Campus? Is it smoke free or tobacco free? As a RSO, I assume that they had to submit a Constitution and a set of bylaws that they abide by. I also assume that somewhere Fresh Campus has a mission statement. What is that mission statement? Regardless of their mission statement, bylaws or constitution, I would like to take this time to give the students, faculty, staff, and members of Fresh Campus something to chew on and I'm not talking about tobacco.

The current policy that requires smokers to be 25 feet away from building entrances is reasonable, rational, narrowly written, and if enforced would solve the issue of secondhand smoke exposure.

The University of Stanford released a study stating "our data also shows that if you move about six feet away from an outdoor

smoker, your exposure levels are much lower." I wonder what the exposure levels at 25 feet away or further are. If I had to make an educated guess, I would probably hypothesize that they were even lower than the exposure levels at six feet.

The new policy that is being introduced by Fresh Campus is unreasonable, irrational, overbroad and punitive. Punitive you ask? Yes, punitive. It punishes smokers for committing an act that is completely legal. It is also discriminatory. Well, it would be discriminatory under their original intentions of a 100 percent smoke-free campus versus a 100 percent tobacco-free campus.

Tobacco users that choose to partake in smokeless tobacco will continue to get enjoy their tobacco products, not only in the classroom, but outside as well. That, I say to you, is discrimination. Another issue with Fresh Campus and their ideas of making NSU 100 percent smoke free and tobacco free is that they don't know what they want to do, but since they don't smoke or dip, nobody else should. Is the enforceability of the entire idea. The campus police don't enforce the 25-foot rule.

Why in the world would they be so inclined to enforce a 100 percent smoke and tobacco-free policy? Do you really think they are going to take time away from watching a movie on their laptops under the shady tree or walk the parking lots looking for that illegally parked automobile to actually enforce the no tobacco policy? PUH-LEASE. What are they going to do? Provide a receptacle for Billy Bob to spit his dip out? Then ticket him? For what?

A federal judge has already deemed it unconstitutional to criminally penalize someone for smoking. A civil penalty can be imposed, but since when have the police been in the business of settling civil disparities? In my time as a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Natchitoches, we never once handled a civil matter. The police have no business in issuing "citations" for something that is completely legal.

I could go on and on about all the things that are wrong with what Fresh Campus is trying to do. However,

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Tom H. Lawler
Opinions
Columnist

Rants: Why I get to do what I do

Censorship is the restraint of public communication that is considered damaging or inconvenient to a general population. Usually, it is the powers that suppress such information.

However, there is a measure set in place to ensure that any knucklehead like me can think, say or write whatever they please.

It is our sacred and glorious ally: The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Some restrictions, such as defamation or obscenity do apply to public communications.

Which means for the most part, I can do just about whatever I want within the 400 minimum words I have for this article. I could write nonsense or common sense. It is up to me.

I can use my free speech (which is unalienable) to express opinions like 9/11 was an inside job or I can say that 9/11 was the greatest moment in US patriotism.

I can even write about grievances with faculty, students and all of the recognized student organizations.

If an administration were to try and restrict my article because it hurt their (or whoever they represent) feelings, they would be highly unsuccessful. A higher power says otherwise.

If it were the case that a recognized student organization was trying to make child pornography, then the many groups would have a case for censorship. I'll admit that censorship is not always a bad idea in certain circumstances.

However, our problem on this campus, in this town, in this state and in this country is that our feelings get bruised way too easily. We think ourselves special, and therefore it follows that what we think is special.

Newsflash: you and I are not special, and what you think and what I write is also not unique.

Someone just like you surely exists (or has existed), and I am already aware of people who think like me.

Having accepted this, it would make no sense to censor news and opinions that have already been written down by others elsewhere.

Also, censorship cannot prohibit me from still thinking my thoughts. This why the use of free speech is unalienable.

If I am allowed to have my thoughts, I ought to have them spoken by mouth or written on paper.

My informed, uninformed, crazy, clear, uncommon or popular sentiments are one of my entitlements as a free person. I will remind you, dear reader, that you are also entitled to express opinions

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Bill to outlaw birth control?



Catherine Beverly
Co-Editor

It has been going around on the internet that

Mississippi is trying to pass a law that will outlaw abortion and, subsequently, methods of birth control such as "the Pill."

The reason for this is because birth control makes the uterus inhospitable for a fertilized egg, thus killing it.

This is one of the many attempts that have been taken against the rights of the people of America. I completely understand that Americans have the right to voice their own opinions – it is one of the things I love most about this country – but there is a time when you can go too far.

There is a difference between voicing your opinion and forcing your opinion down the throats of others who do not share your ideas.

The fact that this law is gaining enough clout that it was covered by Yahoo! News frightens me for the future of this country.

Not only is this law being considered in Mississippi, it's also being considered in Florida and probably some other states. I'm hoping that this is just a cruel joke and that people don't honestly believe they have any kind of control over my body.

This is blatant power-mongering and it makes a mockery of what our founding fathers believed in. If I have the right to protest and to bear arms, why should the right to make important decisions about my body be taken away? The fact that this is even an issue appalls me.

Women have been fighting for the rights to their own bodies for too long now and have only just won, yet it seems as though some

governing officials have decided that those years of protesting and fighting were worth naught.

My attitude on abortion does not (and will NEVER) give me the right to tell another woman what to do with her body. I may have some very strong opinions, and I obviously express them, but pushing your ideas onto those who do not want to accept them could be the start of something disastrous.

Since the use of birth control among women has increased so that now the majority of women use some form of birth control, I'm hoping that this plan never has a chance to come into practice. But, as this article proves, sometimes the things you think aren't possible will sideline you anyway.

I can only hope that the women across the United States who revel in the freedom and safety (because birth control is used for more than just contraception) of birth control will stand up and fight for the rights their predecessors won.



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Top 10 Video Rentals

1. **Limitless**(PG-13)
Bradley Cooper
2. **The Lincoln Lawyer**(R)
Matthew McConaughey
3. **Rango**(PG)
animated
4. **Insidious**(PG-13)
Patrick Wilson
5. **Arthur**(PG-13)
Russell Brand
6. **Season of the Witch**(PG-13)
Nicolas Cage
7. **Unknown**(PG-13)
Liam Neeson
8. **Sucker Punch**(PG-13)
Emily Browning
9. **Take Me Home Tonight**(R)
Tophir Grace
10. **Beastly**(PG-13)
Vanessa Hudgens

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This Week Last Week

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"Party Rock Anthem"
(Party Rock/will.i.am/Cherrytree)
2. **Katy Perry**No. 3
"Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.)"
(Capitol)
3. **Pitbull feat. Ne-Yo, AfroJack & Nayer**No. 2
"Give Me Everything"
(Mr. 305/Polo Grounds/J)
4. **Nicki Minaj**No. 5
"Super Bass"
(Young Money/Cash Money)
5. **Adele**No. 4
"Rolling In the Deep" (XL)
6. **Lil Wayne**No. 6
"How to Love" (Cash Money)
7. **Hot Chelle Rae**No. 9
"Tonight Tonight" (Jive)
8. **Lady Gaga**No. 7
"The Edge of Glory"
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UCA sticks fork in Demon championship chase

Courtesy of Sports Info

Missed tackles, misfires and missed opportunities, especially before halftime, combined with encountering an outstanding performance from visiting Central Arkansas to doom Northwestern State's chances to play for the Southland Conference football title in the final two weeks of the season.

Saturday's 45-20 loss in Turpin Stadium had a lot of contributing factors as UCA scored the game's last 31 points after the Demons held a 20-14 halftime lead and had been more dominant than that margin reflected, outgaining the Bears 232-130.

"We didn't win the rushing battle (123-87), we didn't win the turnover battle (4-0 to UCA), and they outplayed us and outcoached us in the second half in every phase of the game. We had a bad third quarter and didn't recover," said third-year Northwestern coach Bradley Dale Peveto. "We played real well in the first half, but we left some points off the board that we should have had with the ball inside the 10 (settling for John Shaughnessy field goals of 29 and 28 yards)," he said. "We did not get off the field on third down all afternoon (the Bears were 8 of their first 12 on third down conversions, finishing 9 of 17) and that was a key factor."

So was the quality of the opponent, said Peveto. Central Arkansas (7-3 overall, 6-1 in the Southland) will certainly rise in the Sports Network Top 25 from their No. 25 spot after wrapping up league play at NSU (5-4, 3-2) and ending the Demons' three-game win streak.

"You have to give UCA credit



Demon running back Rumeall Morris escapes two UCA defenders. The Demons lost 45-20

for executing, taking care of the ball, and they were the best team on Saturday," he said. Defensive coordinator Brad Laird, whose unit entered the game second in the conference with a 35 percent success rate on third down, saw UCA score four touchdowns against a defense that had allowed only seven in the last five games.

"We've got to get off the field on third down. You look at their scoring drives and they had great success on third down. We talked about that as a key to success and they did a better job on third down. "We missed too many tackles, close to 20, and we haven't

been doing that. Missed tackles, yards after contact, were big factors in their third-down success, and a couple of touchdown plays. A good quarterback like (UCA's) Nathan Dick is going to complete some balls, but we missed way too many tackles, and looking back, that was the tell-tale in the game."

NSU was not without standout performances defensively, holding UCA to 340 total yards as All-America linebacker Derek Rose had 13 tackles and defensive tackle Quinn Anthony made eight stops.

"As we won the last three games, we were making tackles and creating turnovers and we did not

do enough of that Saturday," said Laird.

NSU's offensive coordinator, Todd Cooley, bemoaned having to settle for a field goal after a first-and-goal at the 3 just before halftime.

"It was definitely a tale of two halves. We executed pretty well in the first half, whose unit scored on all four of its possessions in the first two quarters. "We didn't cash in right before the half, and not getting into the end zone, that was a big turning point," he said.

It was bigger than anyone could have imagined. UCA stuffed the Demons in the first four possessions

after halftime, allowing a net of only five yards on 15 plays.

"UCA did a good job of making plays when we didn't. Our protection suffered, and we got behind the eight ball. We missed some opportunities to make plays," said Cooley.

On the heels of another miserable third-quarter showing a week earlier in a 23-10 win at Texas State, Cooley and his offensive staff will see if there are any common factors producing a third-quarter swoon.

"We'll discuss it this week, but I think it's more a mentality of playing each play like it's the last play. The second time we got the ball in the third quarter, we got across midfield but we stalled with a sack. We had uncharacteristic mistakes, and let's not fail to give UCA's defense a ton of credit for what happened," said Cooley.

While the outcome combined with another win by Sam Houston State (9-0, 6-0) to deny the Demons any chance at the Southland Conference title this season, Peveto said his team will have a hungry approach moving forward, beginning Saturday at 3 at Sam Houston.

"We have a lot to play for in the last two games, but we always focus on the next game. We're playing one of the very few unbeaten teams in the country at their place, what an opportunity to make a statement about who we are," he said.

"We can still win seven games this season which would be a great year and the right way to send out our seniors. We have a big challenge, we'll have to be much better for four quarters, but we have that opportunity next Saturday afternoon.



Jimmie Walker
Editor-In-Chief

Dynomite: Will the NBA please stand up

I am almost certain that I will ruffle a few feathers with my thoughts for this column. Before I proceed to that, I want to cover a few things.

First, I want to congratulate all the 49er fans, including myself, for sticking around through the rough times. We are on the brink of returning to greatness, and I want to thank all of you for hanging in there with me.

Congratulations to the Saints and their fans on Sunday's victory as well.

I also want to send congratulations to the Cowboys and their fans on beating the Seahawks by the score of 23-13. Their win helps the 49ers increase their lead over all subsequent NFC West teams.

Last but not least, I want to make all of you aware that I lost a legend. "Smoking" Joe Frazier died Monday. When I got news of his death, I was waiting for the midnight release of Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3. From that point on, the only things that was on my mind were on my mind were the many entertaining fights that I watched on ESPN Classic.

Now, back to the aforementioned warning of making a few folks mad. As football moves into the second half of the season, we are still without basketball, and I am not upset about this at all. Who cares whether not an actual NBA season will happen? I certainly don't. Even though I am a fan of professional basketball, I have not shed a tear—unlike many of you—about the fact that members of the NBA can't get their act together.

More games are getting canceled because the two sides continue to be hungry behind money. Currently, all games up to Nov. 30 have been canceled.

NBA players and team owners have until 5 p.m. to accept the latest proposal. Well, it looks like this won't happen because the president of the National Basketball Players Association Derek Fisher announced that the offer is one that the players can't accept. I honestly don't know what the problem is. Both sides are looking out for its best interest and that's natural. But the confusion comes when you question how much love these individuals have for the game.

I don't think NBA players love the game like they should. The NFL players and owners knew that a year without football is not acceptable.

They love their respective sport, and they worked hard to ensure that a season would go on as planned. NBA Commissioner David Stern has already proven that he isn't afraid to cancel games, and Fisher has also proven that he is willing

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Lady Demons slips to McNeese in four

Robbie Kleinmuntz
Sauce Reporter

Stacey DiFrancesco posted her 16th double-double of the season, but the Northwestern State volleyball team was knocked off by McNeese State on Saturday in Memorial Gym – 25-17, 25-23, 23-25 and 25-23.

After starting slow, NSU (8-19, 4-10) came alive to overcome a third set deficit, but just couldn't pull out a tight fourth set in an attempt to complete a big comeback against McNeese (10-18, 5-9).

DiFrancesco registered 18 kills (.234), including nine in the third set, and 13 digs to get her 11th double-double in the last 12 matches. She also recorded five blocks and assists, both career-

highs.

Emily Sweet scored her sixth double-double of the season with 45 assists and 10 digs. She also snuck in five kills on just seven attacks. Vanessa Coleman turned in her fifth double-digit performance of the season with 10 kills, and blocked a career-high eight attacks. Kelly Jimenez finished with 13 kills and eight digs, while Mackenzie Neely smashed seven kills and a pair of blocks. The Lady Demons out-blocked the Cowgirls, 12-7.

For McNeese, Nicole Bowden made the biggest impact on the match with 21 kills (.444) and six blocks. Becky Bekelja tallied a double-double with 53 assists and 11 digs, and Katie Kennedy dug up 25.

The Lady Demons started

ahead 10-8 in the first set after a couple blocks by Coleman, but the Cowgirls went on an 8-2 run to leap ahead, 16-12. McNeese State never lifted its foot off the pedal after this, and took the set 25-17.

At 10-10 second set, the Lady Demons reeled off three in a row after some strong attacks from Jimenez to go up 13-10. Though, the Cowgirls came back to tie it, 15-15, and took the lead 19-17 forcing a NSU timeout.

Still down 22-17, the Lady Demons showed life after an ace by Nicole Hajka helped cut the deficit to 22-20. Then, after a DiFrancesco kill, the Cowgirl lead was just 24-23, but McNeese was able to finish on an attack on the next point to win the set, 25-23.

NSU started on top, 7-5, in the

third after a kill by DiFrancesco, but the Cowgirls took the next four to go ahead 9-7.

Still trailing 15-11, Jimenez sparked a 6-0 run take the lead, 17-15, after a couple kills with DiFrancesco serving. McNeese State responded, taking the next two to tie it (17-17) and then grabbed the lead at 21-20.

NSU stayed tough to tie it at 23-23. DiFrancesco then had a huge solo block to earn set point on Sweet's serve, and then The Woodlands native finished it, 25-23.

DiFrancesco had nine monster kills to propel the Lady Demons in the third and hit a killer .400 mark.

NSU started down 13-10 in the fourth, and McNeese stayed solid

to keep its lead at 18-15. The Lady Demons then punched back, taking three straight after a Hajka ace to break even at 18-18. The teams then went point-for-point, with NSU calling timeout down 23-22. After a block by McNeese, the Lady Demons used another timeout down 24-22, but the Cowgirls were able to end it, 25-23.

NSU still has hope to make the Southland Conference tournament, but it would have to win its last two, have Texas A&M-Corpus Christi lose its final three, and have McNeese State lose at least once.

The Lady Demons will finish the regular season at home, hosting Southeastern Louisiana on Thursday at 7 and Nicholls State on Saturday at 2.

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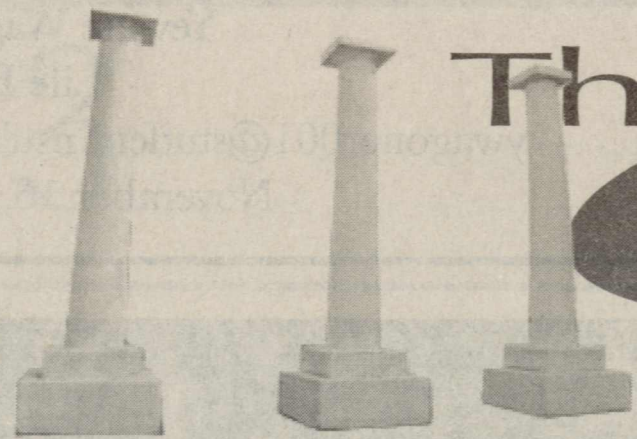
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Demons set to battle for chief

Jimmie Walker
Editor-in-Chief

Rivalry games are a big tradition in college football. It is usually the last game of the season, and two teams battle it out for a year's worth of bragging rights.

That will be the case this Saturday when the Demon football team invites Southland Conference rival Stephen F. Austin to a 3 p.m. kickoff for the annual Battle for Chief Caddo.

NSU is coming off of its mistake-driven 43-17 loss against Sam Houston State, and the Demon football team looks to improve its overall record to 6-5 with a win over a team that has had its number for three consecutive years.

"It's going to be a great show-

down for Chief Caddo," Demon football head coach Bradley Dale Peveto said. "We are looking forward to winning the game and bringing him home."

Peveto explained that even though SFA hasn't been a dominating football team this year, they will still present a challenge for the Demons.

"SFA does a great job throwing the ball," Peveto said. They are the most improved Southland Conference team over the last three weeks, and we are going against them when they are at their best."

The game is also senior day for many key players on the Demon football team such as Demon tight end Justin Aldredge and Demon linebacker Yaser Elqutube.

"There's no motivation needed," Aldredge said. "This game means a lot to everybody and they all know what

we are playing for."

Elqutub added that despite not winning the conference championship or making the playoffs, winning Chief Caddo is something that he looks forward to doing.

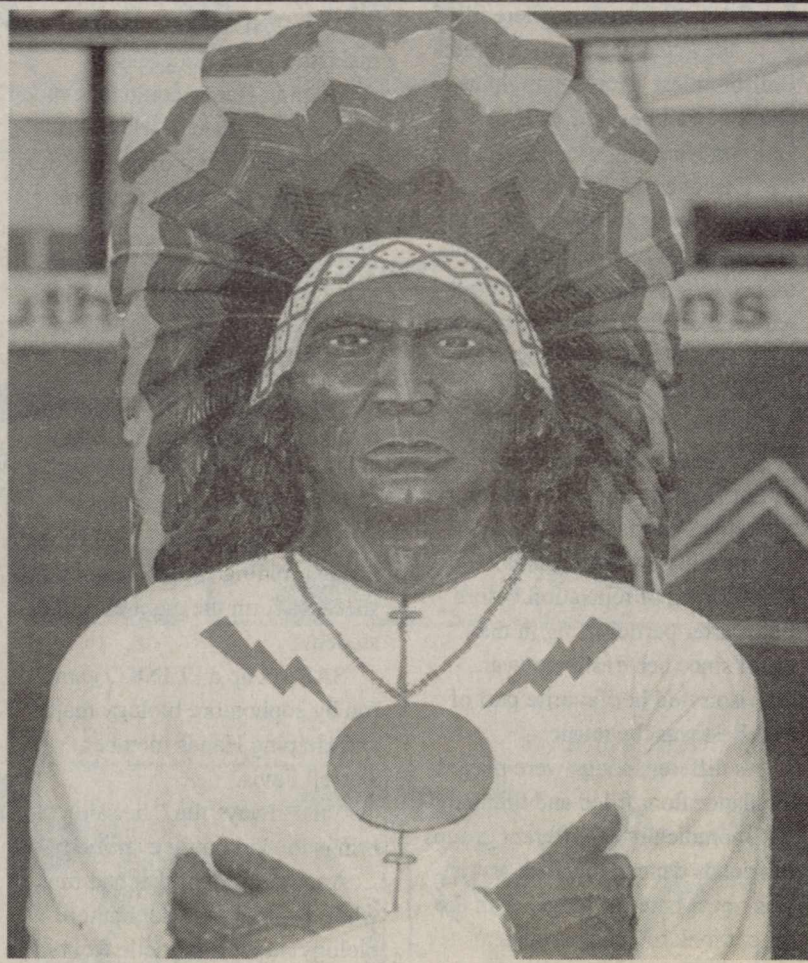
"When I was a freshman, I remember looking at this big statue and wondering what's it all about," Elqutub said. "I learned how rich the tradition is, and it's not something that you get easily even though NSU has won most of the battles, and I hope it stays that way."

This tradition is 50 years old—dating back to 1960—and NSU currently leads the series with 34 wins.

"The way I see it is that Chief Caddo is my national championship," Elqutub said. It's our chance to go out with a great record. "I'm looking forward to carrying that 400-pound, eight-foot statue."

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Chief Caddo is the largest trophy in all of sports. It stands seven-foot-six and weighs 320 pounds. The tradition to play for the prized trophy began in 1960 when NSU and SFA decided that the victor of the game would win a statue of Chief Caddo. NSU won the first game in 1961 by the score of 35-19.



Kilcoyne named acting director

NSU News Bureau

Dr. Margaret Kilcoyne has been named acting director of the School of Business at Northwestern State University. Kilcoyne will oversee the School of Business while a national search is done for a permanent director.

Kilcoyne has been at Northwestern for 25 years as a faculty member and administrator.

Since July 2010, she has been coordinator of assessment and academic services and a full professor in the College of Science, Technology and Business. Kilcoyne assisted with the development and collection of required assessment items, assisted the director of the School of Business with accrediting agency requirements, managed Russell Hall and assisted with business outreach initiatives.

From 2005 until 2010, Kilcoyne

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was director of business programs and an assistant professor, directing and coordinating five degree programs.

Kilcoyne joined Northwestern State's faculty in 1986 as an adjunct instructor and was named an instructor in 1989. She was named coordinator of the Office of Cooperative Education in 1989, securing a five-year \$409, 249 grant for the cooperative education program. In 1998, she was promoted to an assistant professor and director of the Office

of Cooperative Education.

Kilcoyne has received a number of honors for her research and teaching from her peers. In 2011, Kilcoyne received the ABIS Distinguished Paper Award and in 2010, she received the ABC-Southwest Outstanding Researcher Award. In 2009, she received the NSU Alumni Association's Excellence in Teaching Award for the College of Business. She received the Outstanding Doctoral Research Award from Delta Pi Epsilon in 2005.

Student tutoring offered

Kayla Winey
Freshman Scholarship
Recipient

NSU students are able to get help though the free tutoring sessions available on campus. There are four tutoring sessions held every week here on campus at the Student Union, Student Support Services computer lab, HHP Building and Watson Library.

"[At the tutoring center in the Student Union,] we offer tutoring, monitored study hall and assistance with studying," says Director Catherine Fauchaux.

"My philosophy is that smart kids attend tutoring because they want to keep their grades up."

Fauchaux also said that the subjects students get tutored in the most frequently include math and the sciences, particularly chemistry and biology.

Tutor Becca Hunt, a senior in the Scholar's College, enjoys tutoring because it is a flexible job, and she enjoys helping people.

"We offer study skills, stress management and many other things," Hunt said.

"Students come in all the time that need help with homework in core classes like science and math. We can even help with writing English papers."

The tutor centers give students help and encouragement to work on homework that might otherwise be harder if done on their own.

"They help me do things that I couldn't do on my own," senior Andy West said.

"I have a disability, so it's a lot easier to have them type as I speak out loud my thoughts for my paper."

The Student Union tutoring center is open Monday through Thursday in room 240-B from 8 a.m. to 9:30

p.m., and on Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon.

The Student Support Services tutoring is offered in room 243 of Keyser Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Although it is only offered to students in the Student Support Services program, it can still be a valid tutoring place to get help when needed.

Tutoring is also held on the 2nd floor reading room of Watson Library from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Sunday through Thursday, and the Health and Human Performance building from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Monday through Thursday.

If your grades are not up to par or you just know that this core subject is not something that you are strong in, take advantage of the free tutoring offered on campus. Appointments are needed for most of the sessions, so make your appointment today and keep those grades high.

SGA Notice: Nov. 14 meeting

Submitted by Matt Morrison,
SGA Treasurer

The Student Government Association meeting on Monday, November 14 was very eventful.

Among the highlights were: a bill was put forth before the senate for a vote by business and accounting major Richard Sharp.

The bill concerned the SGA loan, which currently does not have an option to finance. Any student borrowing money must pay back the full amount (up to \$100) plus \$1 interest within thirty days.

Senator Sharp's bill allows for students to take the option of financing their loan and extends the payback period by 30 more days. This bill, popular with the students, passed unanimously in the senate.

Another significant piece of leg-

islation was a bill that would have brought renowned rock climber and motivational speaker Aaron Ralston to speak at Northwestern.

The bill, put up by the SGA's Academic Affairs department, failed by a narrow margin in the senate due to concerns of budget and student opinion.

It is expected that the presence of Mr. Ralston would be a generally agreeable circumstance for the university, and a suggestion was made to poll the students and bring the proposal back before the senate as soon as possible.

One bill that would have created two new 24-hour computer labs was withdrawn by the author and was not discussed.

New business for next week's meeting will include a bill that will modify the hours and methods by which senators will be able to sub-

mit legislation and office hours to the Speaker and Vice President, respectively.

Finally, a letter of impeachment was brought forth before the senate by Senator Justin Kern Dollar regarding inappropriate and inflammatory comments made by another senator during the previous week's meeting. The impeachment hearing will be held sometime during the week following Thanksgiving break.

If any student has questions for the SGA, they can contact the SGA through their OrgSync website at nsula.orgsync.com/org/nsusga.

All students are invited to attend SGA meetings. General meetings are held every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Union President Room.

Student Messenger Bulletin Board

e-Student evaluation of course & instructor

From Nov. 7 to Dec. 7, students have the opportunity to participate and complete evaluations for all the courses in which they are enrolled in this semester on the Moodle website. All evaluations are confidential and faculty will not see reports until the Spring 2012 semester.

Christmas tree decoration contest

Using five medical items, students can decorate Christmas trees and win prizes for the top best decorated trees. Pick up the rules, registration form and medical supplies at Health Services. Entry deadline is Nov. 28.

Quit with a cold turkey sandwich

Central Louisiana AHEC and Fresh Campus invite students to quit with a cold turkey sandwich. On Nov. 17, any student who turns in a half pack of un-smoked cigarettes will receive a free turkey sandwich in the Student Union Lobby.

Message from Dr. Abney

Please be sure you see your Academic Advisor and register for the spring semester as soon as possible. As you may know, courses with low enrollment are often cancelled before we leave for winter break, so it behooves you to register early to ensure that the courses you need are available. Please take care of this important business asap.

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Fall Fest: giving a whole new meaning to Toys for Tots

Andrew Bordelon
Sauce reporter

Dancing, games and an overall fun atmosphere filled the Friedman Student Union Ballroom last Thursday night as a result of Fall Fest put on by NSU's Helping Hands.

"Discover the Kid in You" was this year's theme, and it was easy to see students find the kid in themselves as they played simple games like UNO, beanbag toss and musical chairs to name just a few.

All of the games helped serve their purpose in making Fall Fest, "a fun break in the semester," senior English education major Sharonica Garrison said.

She still saw Fall Fest as a helpful kind of relaxation before finals after participating in the event since her freshman year. Garrison said her favorite part of Fall Fest was the music.

As different songs were played, the dance floor filled and thinned out sporadically as different groups of friends danced together, but it was never bare for longer than the time it took to change songs.

Angel Johnson, junior psychology major, as if out of reflex, leaped from the table she was sitting on and joined in the synchronized dancing when one song came on.

People that sat in chairs for the past fifteen minutes simply got up and covered the dance floor.

If one glanced over the crowd, he could have seen young and old alike "backing it up" while igniting

that small spark of childhood that Helping Hands wanted everyone to recapture.

Johnson explained how several different RSOs contributed to make the event a success.

Helping Hands could take much of the credit since nearly all of its members are a part of many RSOs on campus, like those that took part in Fall Fest.

The NSU Angels, PLP, SAB and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated were just a few of the student organizations that agreed to take part in the event by providing a game.

The SGA helped "twist" up some childhood memories by providing the game TWISTER and combining six whole game sheets to form the giant cluster of students.

SAB set up a PLINKO game run by sophomore biology major and Helping Hands member, Darrell Favis.

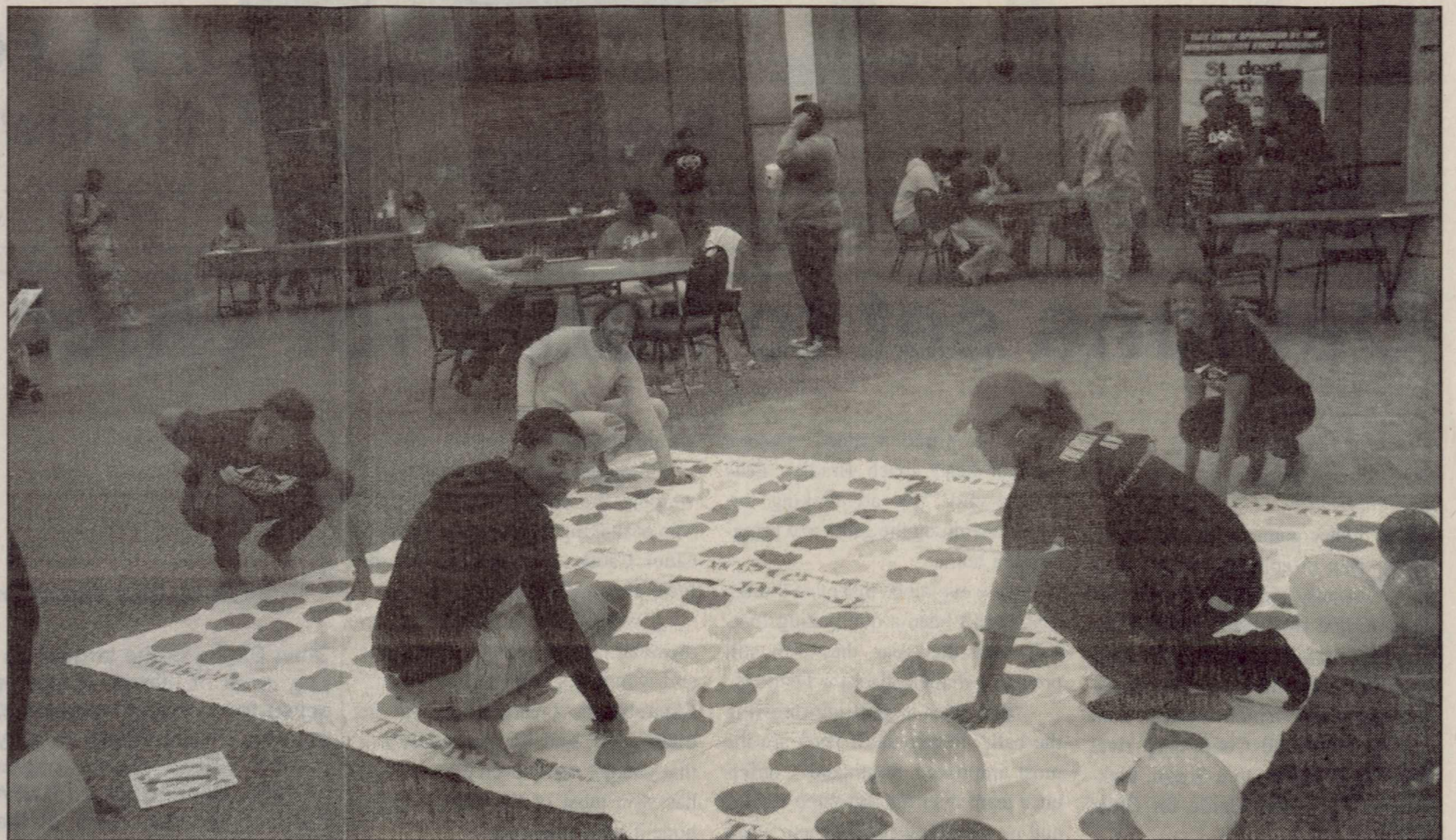
"It's always fun," he said. "It brings the kid out in everybody."

Another student that had fun while working was sophomore biology major Shadrille Robbins.

Last week's festival was the first one she had been to since she joined Helping Hands.

Robbins explained that the organization would use different committees to ensure the many aspects of hosting the event were taken care of.

The refreshments and decorations committees, for example, were two committees that kept the kid-like, happy



NSU students "twist up the semester" at Helping Hands Fall Fest, Thursday night. The event gave students the opportunity to relax before finals and donate the \$1 admission fee to the charity, Toys for Tots.

atmosphere going with candy for sugar rushes and colored balloons just for fun.

One student in charge of the event as a whole was the Fall Fest Chairman, Lamario Fortson, freshman secondary education major.

Fortson joined Helping Hands less than three months ago and immediately wanted to get involved.

Fortson, with the help of the Helping Hands Fall Fest committee, coordinated with the different RSOs that participated.

"Some organizations didn't show up," he said. "We had that

problem, but we're still having fun."

Fortson also stated that the other Helping Hands committees, "were so much help", and that the event would not have been successful without them.

One major contributor glided across the dance floor in a mother-son dance.

Mrs. Jamie Flanagan, advisor and instructor in the Student Support Services, and her son, Dez Williams, sophomore industrial engineer technology major, swayed together on the dance floor to a slow song while attendees watched.

Flanagan has enjoyed serving as the Helping Hands advisor since 2008, and she has been helping with Fall Fest since 2005.

Fall Fest originally began at a local elementary school, but eventually the school started hosting the event itself.

Helping Hands decided to continue to put on Fall Fest for NSU students instead of cancelling it for good, Flanagan said.

Since then, the theme of Fall Fest has revolved around a fun, kid-like attitude to help students relax before finals and, "let their hair down," she said.

Flanagan stated that the event is fun from the faculty perspective as well.

"It allows us to bond with them informally and watch them have a good time," she said."

Flanagan explained that Helping Hands will donate the \$1 admission charge at Fall Fest to buy toys for Toys for Tots.

This will add to several other donations the organization has made, including but not limited to: \$900 to a Relay for Life team, giving shoeboxes for soldiers with Westside Baptist Church and helping the Natchitoches Magnet School with its annual fundraiser.

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Theta Chi serves the Natchitoches community



Photo by Cj Johnson

Theta Chi service week consisted of events to improve the Northwestern State Campus and the Natchitoches community. The week included a clean-up in front of the Student Union, the courtyard and Highway 1 bypass. Another day involved having "Breakfast on the Bricks," which was their way of showing the students of Northwestern that Theta Chi cares for them. The fraternity provided a variety of breakfast foods including McDonald's biscuits and McGrid-dle cakes, cereal bars, pop tarts, hot chocolate, juice, etc. The fraternity also held fundraisers at Chili's and Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers restaurants for their newly adopted philanthropy, Starlight's Children's Foundation.

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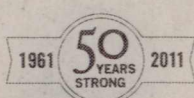
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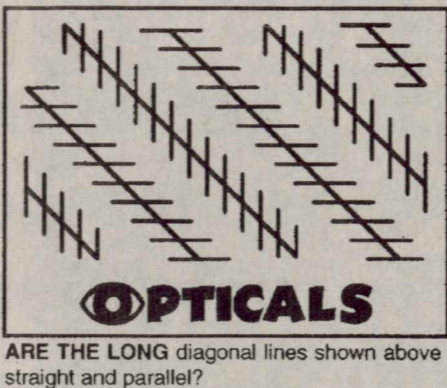
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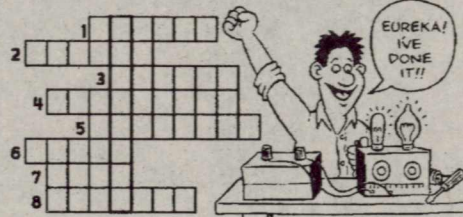


OPTICALS
ARE THE LONG diagonal lines shown above straight and parallel?

Answer: Yes. The short lines make them appear to be unaligned.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



AMERICAN GENIUSES! In this puzzle grid there is room for the names of eight famous American inventors. Below are hints to get you started. There is a dark frame around one of the columns in the grid. If you correctly name all of the inventors, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of the man who made radio possible.

A CROOKED CALCULATION! A dishonest tradesman measured out 20 feet of rope for a customer. Using a yardstick that was 3 inches too short, how much rope "didn't" the customer get?



Answer: 18 inches. In measuring the first 18 feet, 3 inches were lost for each yard. There was no loss for the last 2 feet.

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 4 through 13 to fill in our Magic Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 47. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you.

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Our answer: First row: 17, 14, 18, 15. Second row: 17, 5, 10, 15. Third row: 6, 20, 12, 9. Fourth row: 13, 8, 8, 7, 19.

1. He had over 1,000 patents.
2. He perfected the sewing machine.
3. Made sailing in calm weather easy.
4. Made a wheat harvesting machine.
5. Invented bifocal eyeglasses.
6. Made a machine for sending messages.
7. Had his ups and downs.
8. Invented a machine to clean cotton.

Answers: 1. (Thomas) Edison; 2. (Isaac) Singer; 3. (Robert) Fulton; 4. (Cyrus) McCormick; 5. (Benjamin) Franklin; 6. (Samuel) Morse; 7. (Elisha) Gray; 8. (Lee) DeForest.

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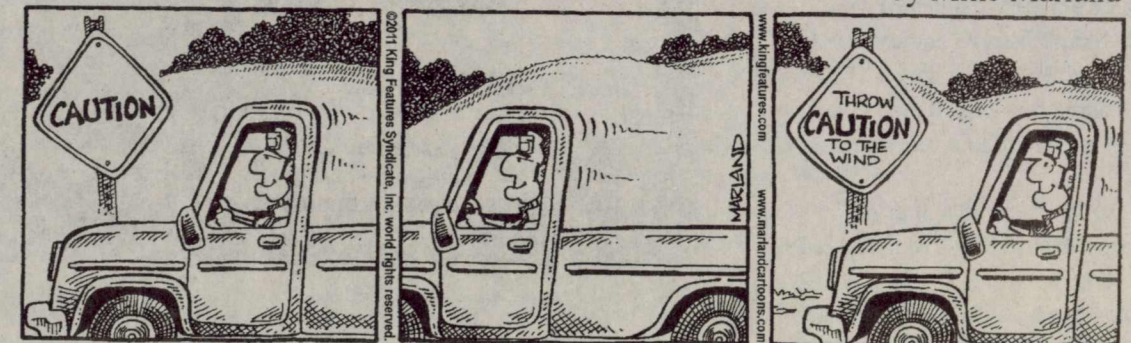


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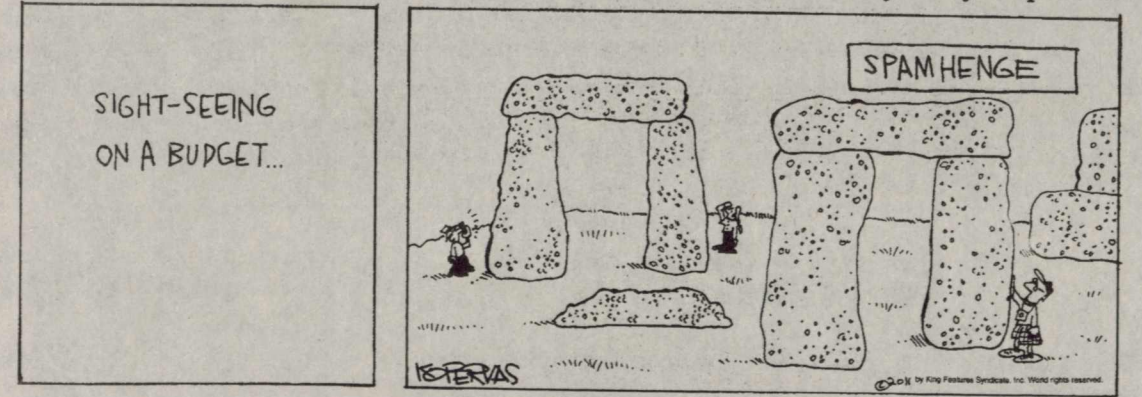
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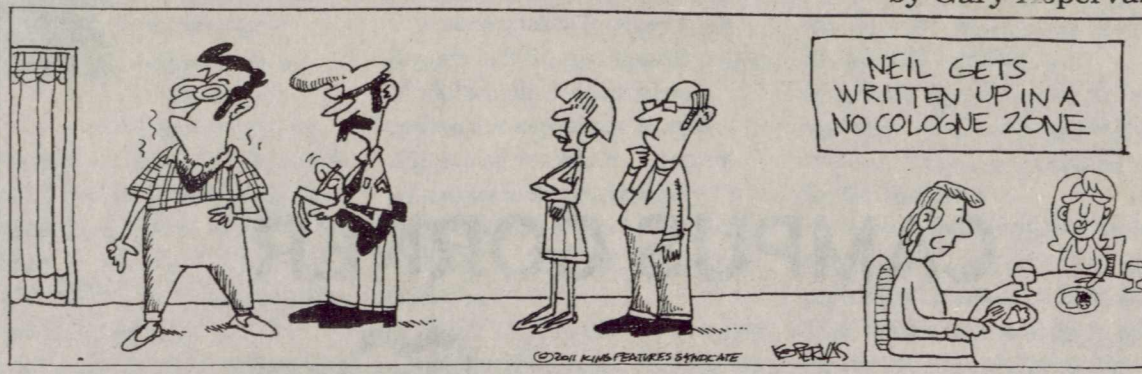
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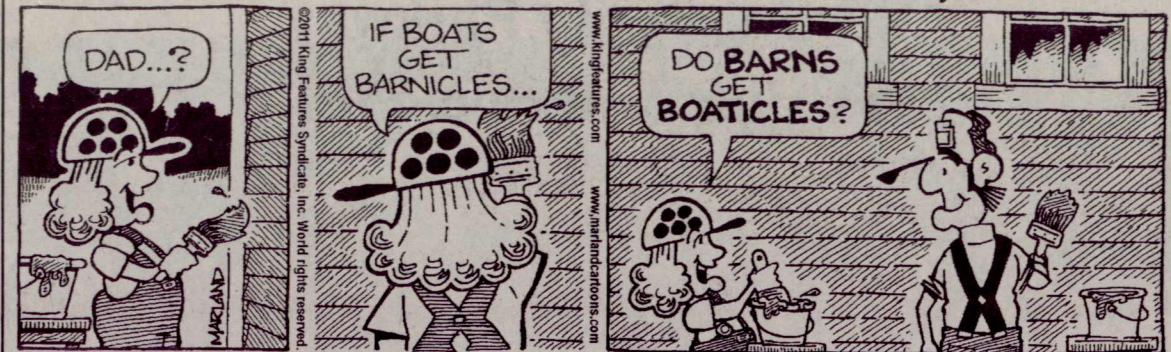
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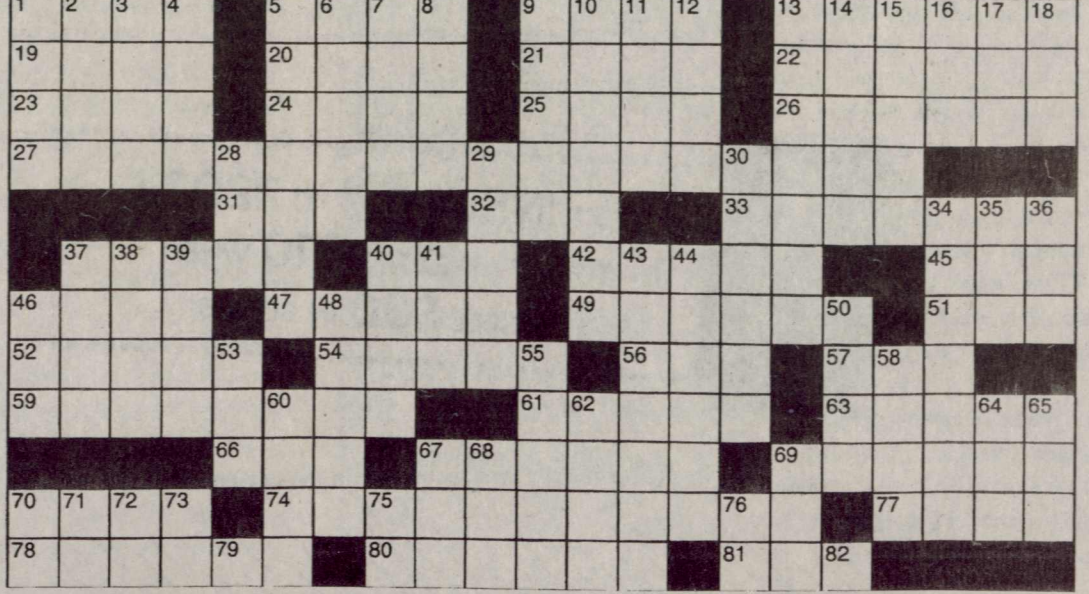
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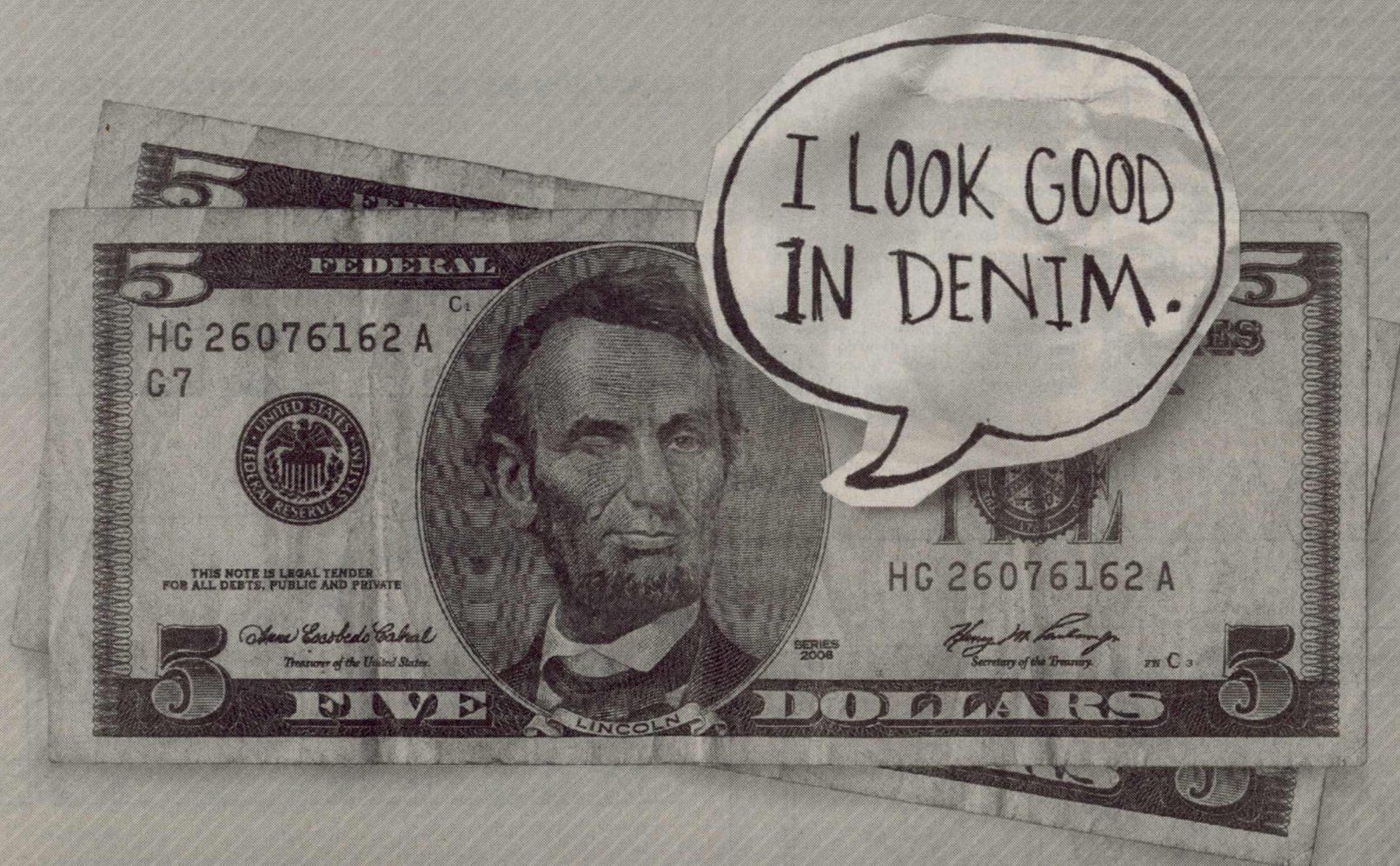
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 - 22 Fill with fizz
 - 23 Taj town
 - 24 West alliance
 - 25 Like — of bricks
 - 26 Cheese-maker's need
 - 27 Start of a remark
 - 31 Busy bug
 - 32 Initials of interest?
 - 33 Snuggled up
 - 37 Iraqi city
 - 40 — de deux
 - 42 Requirements
 - 45 Bristol brew
 - 46 Chalky cheese
 - 47 Tidied the terrace
 - 49 Word form for "bird"
 - 51 Compete
 - 52 Hotelier
 - 54 Take in, perhaps
 - 56 Actress Thurman
 - 57 Fury
 - 59 Part 2 of remark
 - 61 Standish's stand-in
 - 63 Day or Duke
 - 66 Foreman's fortes
 - 67 French port
 - 69 Rap session?
 - 70 Dry run
 - 74 Part 3 of remark
 - 77 Encounter
 - 78 Diva Maria
 - 80 Plaza Hotel kid
 - 81 Ewe said it!
 - 83 Massenet opera
 - 84 Mistreat
 - 85 Part 4 of remark
 - 90 Diocese
 - 91 Fix a fight
 - 92 Spartan serf
 - 95 Pith helmet
 - 96 Make lace
 - 98 They're out of this world
 - 101 Early emancipator
 - 103 TV's "The Twilight —"
 - 104 Kimono closer
 - 105 Snowy bird
 - 106 Relative of -ator
 - 107 Mad general?
 - 109 Duncan's murderer
 - 112 Olive product
 - 114 Tighten the tent
 - 115 End of remark
 - 124 "On the Waterfront" star
 - 127 Gymnast Korbut
 - 128 Plunder
 - 129 Carry out orders
 - 130 Confer
 - 131 Singer Campbell
 - 132 Frank or Francis
 - 133 Forsaken
 - 134 Ringed orbiter
 - 135 Manuscript enc.
 - 136 Pilsner
 - 137 — ranch
 - 8 Primer pooch
 - 9 Like some cheddar
 - 10 Coaching legend
 - 11 Burn remedy
 - 12 Cadfael, for one
 - 13 Fervent
 - 14 Yorkshire city
 - 15 Surrealist Max
 - 16 Hefflin or Cliburn
 - 17 When Paris sizzles
 - 18 Badminton divider
 - 28 Bend someone's — (yak)
 - 29 Dispatch
 - 30 Delhi
 - 34 Shirley's sidekick
 - 35 Ransom — Olds
 - 36 Scottish river
 - 37 Complaint
 - 38 Perched on
 - 39 Rational
 - 40 Brazilian kicker
 - 41 Address abbr.
 - 43 Learned
 - 44 Snare
 - 46 Mr. Ziegfeld
 - 48 "America's Most Wanted" host
 - 50 Conceal
 - 53 NASA affirmative
 - 55 English explorer
 - 58 Wander items
 - 60 Greenhouse
 - 62 Miss Zebra
 - 64 — Station
 - 65 Salon request
 - 67 Toilet water
 - 68 Ever's partner
 - 69 Mikita or Musial
 - 70 Pt. of the whole
 - 71 Team scream
 - 72 Stretchy
 - 73 Ballet movement
 - 75 More mysterious
 - 76 Diminish
 - 79 Disoriented
 - 82 Tread the boards
 - 84 Flying brother
 - 85 Price
 - 86 Gloppy
 - 87 "Once — a midnight dreary..."
 - 88 Hawaii's state bird
 - 89 Place-kicker's prop
 - 93 Zola or Griffith
 - 94 Rock's — Lobos
 - 96 Hen's hubby
 - 97 "The — Daba Honeymoon" (14 song)
 - 99 Disappoint
 - 100 Silly trio
 - 102 Fall fashion
 - 108 FBI employee
 - 110 Swahili, e.g.
 - 111 Witch's home
 - 113 Pointless
 - 114 Conversation piece?
 - 116 Grabs all the goodies
 - 117 Poet Wilcox
 - 118 Thick slice
 - 119 Actor Franchot
 - 120 Winter woe
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Atherton on cancer, safety and smoking

Interview by Erich Tanner,
Guest Columnist

A discussion is going on in regards to making Northwestern State University a 100% smoke-free campus. To help move the discussion along, a Campus Tobacco Task Force was appointed to make policy recommendations to the President and his cabinet.

The topic will be discussed over the next several months, so it made sense to interview the Faculty Senate President, Dr. Jack Atherton.

It would have been enough for him to voice his opinion about the issue, but Dr. Atherton, as you may or may not know, is also a cancer survivor. I had not spoken with Dr. Atherton prior to the interview so I did not know what to expect.

Let's say I was pleasantly surprised to find an opinionated individual whose views were not based on emotion but on reasonable thinking and a strong will to carry out education in the most responsible way possible.

His reasonable nature was evident as he related his longtime interaction with secondhand smoke. "I grew up in a household of smokers. My parents exposed me to it, as did friends and neighbors, at church, in the community; it was

part of the culture.

"I can't be angry at them. They cared very much for me. They just didn't know. I went and worked in



Dr. Jack Atherton

prisons, a smoke filled world, and to make extra money I bartended in another smoke filled environment." It may have been just a part of the culture but it became much more when he was diagnosed with cancer.

The type of cancer Dr. Atherton was diagnosed with was squamous cell carcinoma. It is "the type of cancer smokers and dippers get," but he assured me he had neither smoked nor dipped.

Dr. Atherton believes it was the smoked filled spaces he moved through during his life that led to the development of a cancer so commonly found in tobacco users. Even with this knowledge, it is a not a subject he allows emotion to control.

According to Dr. Atherton, it is not an issue of freedom and rights so much as it is about safety, and the responsibility he and the university have to ensure a healthy place to work and learn.

Dr. Atherton recognizes there are policies in place already at NSU and in society to ensure safety. These policies range from restrictions

on noise levels to regulations in dealing with substances such as asbestos, but somehow it seems acceptable to disperse toxins from burning cigarettes into the air.

He admits he does not like government control; however Dr. Atherton stated, "When individuals are infringing on me and others indiscriminately, if the government does not protect the public, it is not doing its job."

And while he believes "the simplest of solutions is for people to respect the rights and spaces of others," I would argue smoking is an activity that by its nature invades the rights and spaces of others.

This idea of protection, Dr. Atherton says, is "a duty care the University owes to all on campus and it is the University's obligation to maintain a safe environment." He believes that smoking is not a right but a privilege.

The right infringed upon is the right to breathe clean air. It is, as he says, "a duty" owed to all individuals on campus including the K-12 students who may be negatively influenced by adults who model smoking behavior.

It is my understanding that state law prohibits smoking on K-12 school campuses. This does not demonstrate positive leadership. Indeed, change is difficult but to abandon what we know about

the detrimental health effects of smoking would be irresponsible.

Dr. Atherton experienced this change firsthand while holding the position of warden in a federal prison and went on to describe the smooth transition. Concerning the banning of smoking in his prison he told me, "We knew no-smoking was coming. We were given a date it would be prohibited by, as I recall twelve to fifteen months down the road. Washington let the prisons decide how to do it."

He went on to describe the implementation period he set up which included cessation services, education, awareness to change.

Several staff members took it as an opportunity to quit while the prisoners accepted the change because they knew it was going to happen regardless. It was as smooth as it could be and it can be the same at NSU as well.

This is an opportunity for NSU to move into a leadership role, both regionally and nationally. Currently over 586 universities and colleges across the nation have gone smoke-free, a 3156% increase since 2005 (ANRF, 2011).

Isn't it time NSU joins the list of colleges and universities that have recognized the need to improve the safety and health of their campus environment?



Tom H. Lawler
Opinions
Columnist

Rants: Republicans, meltdowns and the political spectrum

Have you noticed the circus that has become the GOP as of late?

Let me first make a disclaimer: I am in no way hoping to dissuade you, dear reader, from voting for or expressing conservative or Republican sentiments. The words of Voltaire should be echoing now.

According to the Huffington Post, Michelle Bachman warns of Iranians sneaking across the Mexican border. Gov. Rick Perry can never seem to remember his arguments in debates. Herman Cane has sexual harassment allegations surrounding his campaign.

Sarah Palin (although not running for president) quit the prestigious one-in-fifty-position of governorship to become a Fox News analyst. Donald Trump, Rudi "9/11" Giuliani, senile John McCain and George Bush's two terms in office are proof of the circus in the GOP.

Why is this the case? What happened to the days of Reagan, Eisenhower, T. Roosevelt and Lincoln? Even if you disagree with their political ideas, at least the were coherent.

Even John Boehner, one of the most solid conservatives in current politics, nearly drove the country into an economic woe (along with others from both sides).

I believe it is an effect of several things.

Now, I find it surprisingly too coincidental that the newer and more radical (in terms of politics) Tea Party would have nothing to do with the misadventures of conservative leaders.

The Tea Party does not have crazy ideas. They favor simplification of government and for the justification and reducing of taxes.

The Tea Party represents about 15 percent of Congress at the moment. As the Republicans stir up support for 2012, the GOP candidates must respect potential voters who are Tea Party followers. As they are more radical, the candidates must appeal to some or all of this radical nature.

Yet, none of this explains sexual harassment allegations, quitting the governorship for a higher paying (and more spotlight) job or harping on one thing for ten years.

I also think that in the effort to please both moderate and radical conservative voters, many GOP leaders have exhausted themselves. You just can't please everyone.

Also, given the appeal of Kardashian-type fame, it is not surprising that some of the less than savory members of the GOP would use a similar model to promote not only a few political ideas, but also themselves instead.

This is certainly true in the case of Palin, who became a regular on Fox News and hosted a few TV shows on cable, and also the case of Donald Trump who is always after self-promotion.

Whatever seems to be the bother with the GOP, I wonder if they can sort themselves out in time for the 2012 Presidential Election. They have a year. That seems like plenty of time.

Music isn't dead, just buried

Jarred Roberts
Guest Columnist



2011 seems to be another mile marker as we get farther and farther from "good" music.

At least it's a common belief that the ability to skillfully play a guitar died with Kurt Cobain.

While these people would prefer white noise to today's modern radio, it does not mean music is dead. It's just hard to find, and looking for new music online is a great form of procrastination.

Pandora and Last FM are the most common treasure troves for new bands. Pandora is a nifty tool for some background noise, while Last FM is a bit more hands-on. Its

radio isn't as good, but it gives in depth bios and an extensive list of similar popular artists.

These aforementioned websites' major flaws are that those familiar with the genre really won't find anything new. These sites weren't built for the hipsters. If you want to listen to a band no one has ever heard of, then look elsewhere and there are a few websites that are great for discovering new music that don't require your favorite band as a springboard.

An odd music site, The Sixty One, is currently always open in my tabs when I'm online. It plays songs based on which mood you select and even has categories for covers and remixes. This is a good site if you want to be more underground. To this day I have only come across two artists I had previously known. Giant murals of the bands in their aloof poses and plaid shirts stare you down while their music plays.

Recently they've implemented a sort of quest system (users listens to songs from a certain mood, comment on X amount of songs etc.). It's an interesting concept that I hope gets further developed.

Recently, a site called One Track Mind has gotten my attention. Their website is one of the few sites around that sports an "indie-country" genre- a moderate sized selection of genres that will probably only fail to appeal to lovers of metal.

Songs are posted somewhat sporadically—meaning my only complaint goes to lack of consistency—but a wealth of information is given with these songs.

The songs have ratings, an extensive bio of the band and similar songs from this site. The main advantage of this place is that users are not only able to stream the songs that they post about, but they can also download links for free with no sign up required.

Music isn't dead, but merely hidden. These websites, while engaging on their own are simple enough to be background soundtracks that you can use to discover new songs.

Better yet, you can dive into them with your full attention to find some great music before sending your teacher an email asking for an extension.

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Jesus was a socialist

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American Christianity has developed some strange contradictions as our nation has established one of

the highest standards of living in the world. These contradictions seem most apparent in what is now called "Christian capitalism."

Capitalism is a system that takes advantage of the work force to provide goods or services at a lower price for manufacturers. Socialism, on the other hand, is a system that stresses equality and focuses on community, rather than individual, gain.

This is where confusion sets in. If the Christian faith has so many instances of the sharing of wealth and the aiding of the poor, why are modern Americans so set on believing that capitalism is an all-around better economic system?

A survey taken by Rasmussen Reports in 2010 says that 60 percent of adults in the United States believe that capitalism is better than socialism. While 21 percent are unsure in this survey, only 18 percent of U.S. adults believe that socialism is better than or equal to capitalism.

The Bible says that "neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common." (Acts 4:32) This sure sounds like socialism to me.

Later in Acts, when a follower

named Ananias keeps part of the sale of his possessions for himself, Peter says to him: "Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?" (Acts 5:3)

This seems like proof enough that the Bible would be in support of ideas like socialism and completely against capitalism. So against it, in fact, that the follower and his wife were punished severely for their actions.

In the multiple articles I've read, the Biblical support of "Christian capitalism" seems to be lacking. They bring to attention the major flaw in socialism, laziness, but that is their only defense of their position.

One writer in support of "Christian capitalism" believes that capitalism offers more for the

"dignity of the individual", and is thus superior to socialism from a Christian standpoint.

While I'm sure Christianity believes in the importance of the individual, it stresses the idea that wealth will not make you better than another person and that "it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:24)

Why this stress on living the good life and occasionally deigning to give a little support to your fellow brethren? It is nothing more than a byproduct of being human. Social Darwinism used "survival of the fittest" to explain the problem of the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer, but now some Christians are using the Bible to explain greed and selfishness.

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Lady Demons secure tournament bid

Robbie Kleinmuntz
Sauce Reporter

Trailing 24-20 in the first set, the Northwestern State volleyball team reeled off the next six points in a row to win the opening frame, and then used a monster performance from Stacey DiFrancesco to cruise to a straight set victory over Nicholls State on Saturday at Prather Coliseum – 26-24, 25-16 and 25-19.

“We definitely came together as a team today, especially after winning that first set. It was a huge momentum boost and it carried us through the rest of the match,” said DiFrancesco, a freshman from The Woodlands, Texas.

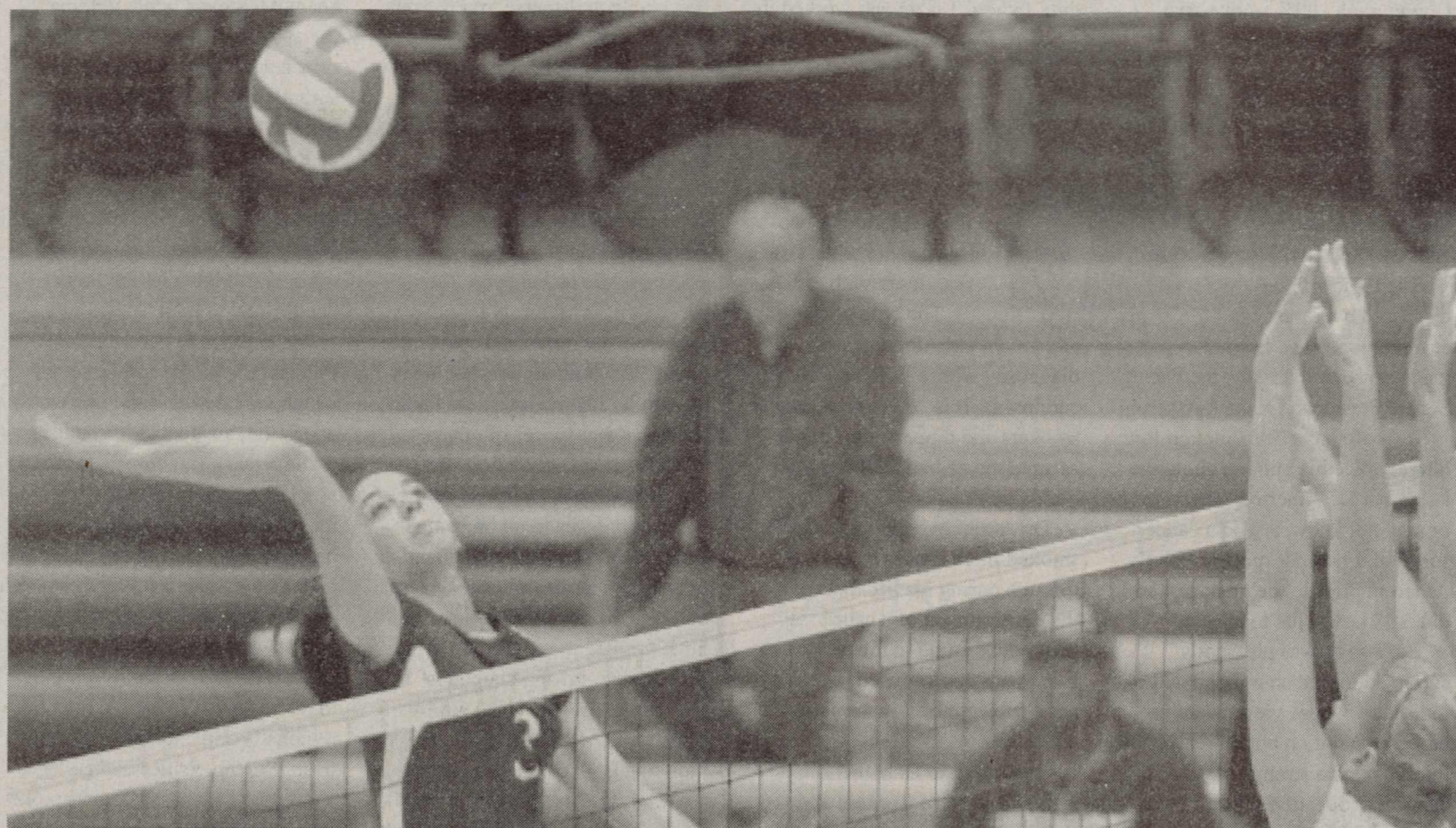
The victory for NSU (10-19, 6-10) over Nicholls State (18-14, 5-11) clinches a berth next weekend in the Southland Conference Tournament.

“We knew coming in we had to win and were confident because we knew we had already beaten Nicholls this season,” said co-head coach Hugh Hernesman. “We had more weapons, and more firepower which helped us execute the game-plan offensively.”

DiFrancesco finished with her 19th double-double of the season with 20 kills, 11 digs and a career-high hitting percentage of .326. The 20 kills is also a career-best in a three-set match.

“Stacey made a huge difference in the match,” Hernesman said. “Stacey is really competitive and has a lot of fire to her. She made sure the team kept the intensity up the whole way.”

Kelly Jimenez recorded her 10th double-double of the season with 13 kills (.265) and 10 digs.



Lady Demon Stacey DiFrancesco spikes the ball past two Nicholls State University defenders. NSU won the match in straight sets.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

“Kelly has been really steady for us all season. She had some really crucial digs in the second set to help us keep runs going,” Hernesman said. “Kelly is coming off an injury from last week, and after a full-week of practice this week she was especially great in the service-receive game.”

Vanessa Coleman, Mackenzie Neely and Nicole Hajka also propelled the offense with 10 (.259), seven (.364) and six kills (.333), respectively.

Emily Sweet dished out a match-high 45 assists, and also dug up

seven.

“Sweet did a great job of getting our players in the right spots to be successful,” Hernesman said.

On defense, Keelie Arneson registered a match-high 21 digs, while Jessica Gutierrez scooped up seven.

“Keelie was going after everything today and really played great,” Hernesman said. “Her defense was another huge factor in the match and really made a difference for us.”

For Nicholls, Jennifer Brandt led the team with nine kills, 12 digs and a .450 hitting percentage. Jordan Karst tallied a double-double with

16 assists and 10 digs.

The first set didn’t start the way NSU planned, down 9-1. After a 5-1 run, the Lady Demons had cut the deficit to 15-11 after a couple kills by DiFrancesco, but the Colonels defense was giving in and Nicholls extended its lead to 19-13.

NSU found itself down 20-24 when it flipped the switch and went on the decisive run of the match. It all started with a kill by DiFrancesco, and then she followed it up with an ace to make it 22-24. Then after a kill by Neely, a miscue by the Colonels tied it, 24-24.

Another ace by DiFrancesco gave the Lady Demons their first lead of the set, and then a kill by Hajka finished it, 26-24.

NSU took the final six points in the first and improved its first-set record on the season to 19-10.

DiFrancesco led the way in the frame with seven kills, while Arneson dug up 12. Tremendous defense kept NSU in the set, as Jimenez also had six digs, while Sweet and Gutierrez each had four.

“We were full on confidence in this match, especially after the first

set. After that comeback, the team was just ready to win,” said Coleman, a freshman from Bloomington, Ill.

NSU was up 7-6 in the second when it went on a modest 3-1 run to get ahead, 10-7. Nicholls came back to tie it 13-13, but again the Lady Demons turned on the jets and took five in a row after four spikes by DiFrancesco made it 18-13.

Still leading 21-16, NSU finished the second in similar fashion, running away with the final four points to win 25-16 when a good set by Arneson aided DiFrancesco’s crushing attack.

DiFrancesco hammered 10 kills in the second and hit at an astounding .625 mark. As a team, the Lady Demons hit .526, including four kills from Coleman (.667) and Hajka (.800).

The teams were even much of the third set, going back-and-forth to a 16-16 stalemate. Neely then sparked a 5-0 run with a couple kills, and got the Lady Demons ahead, 21-16. NSU was not going to be denied after this, and ended the final two points with kills from Coleman and Jimenez, 25-19.

Jimenez had her biggest set of the season in the third, slamming nine kills and hit at a .571 mark.

“It’s really big for this program to get to the conference tournament this season with such a young team and not even having a senior,” Hernesman said. “Making the tournament was one of our goals at the beginning of the year and is a really big step for us.”

NSU will take on top-seeded Texas State on Friday at 4 p.m. in the first round of the Southland Conference Tournament in Conway, Ark.

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RESULTS

Student Secondhand Smoke Exposure Survey (N=454)

Q1: Exposure to secondhand smoke is dangerous to nonsmokers.

94% Somewhat Agree to Strongly Agree

2% Unsure

4% Somewhat Disagree to Strongly Disagree

Q2: The University has a responsibility to protect nonsmoking students from involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke.

79% Somewhat Agree to Strongly Agree

7% Unsure

14% Somewhat Disagree to Strongly Disagree

Q3: NSU has a responsibility to provide a smoke-free environment for the K-12 students housed on campus.

92% Somewhat Agree to Strongly Agree

3% Unsure

6% Somewhat Disagree to Strongly Disagree

Q4: The right to breathe clean air should take precedence over the right to smoke.

79% Somewhat Agree to Strongly Agree

8% Unsure

13% Somewhat Disagree to Strongly Disagree

Q5: Would you support passage of a 100% smoke-free campus policy at NSU?

75% Somewhat Agree to Strongly Agree

7% Unsure

17% Somewhat Disagree to Strongly Disagree



Demon defensive lineman Lesley Deamer and linebacker Derek Rose corral the Sam Houston Bearkat.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Bearkats cruise past Demons

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Third-ranked and unbeaten, Sam Houston State looked every bit the part of the Southland Conference’s outright football champion Saturday while whipping visiting Northwestern State 43-17.

Tim Flanders and Richard Sincere each scored two touchdowns while Brian Bell threw for a pair of scores for the Bearkats. Meanwhile, the Demons’ offense couldn’t find the end zone against a speedy Sam Houston defense until D.J. Palmer rammed 1 yard to score with 5:11 remaining.

That tally provided the second of two positive footnotes for NSU. The Demons’ 17 points are the second-most allowed by Sam Houston, who has held all of their other eight FCS foes to 14 points or less, and all but one to just one TD.

Three of the Demons’ total came from junior kicker John Shaughnessy, who extended his school record for consecutive field goals made to 12 with a 34-yarder midway through the third period.

The outcome dropped NSU to 5-5 overall, 3-3 in the SLC, hoping to post a winning season next Saturday

afternoon at home against old rival Stephen F. Austin.

The Bearkats claimed their first outright Southland football title in 24 years of conference membership while rising to 10-0 overall and completing their league slate at 7-0.

They play a non-conference game at Texas State next week, then await their FCS playoff assignment, likely a first-round bye into a home game.

“What a very good, very solid, very explosive football team,” said Demons’ coach Bradley Dale Peveto. “What you saw today is what we’ve seen on every game tape. They are sound in every phase of the game. They hit you with big plays. They are very, very good defensively, especially against the run. They had turned it over only six times all year coming into today, so that tells you how sound they are.”

Even though the Demons recovered two fumbles, they couldn’t slow down Sam Houston’s running game. Flanders became the first back to run for 100 yards against NSU with 145 on 20 carries, and his teammates added 98 more on the ground.

Bell threw for 200 yards on 10 of 14 aim. Sincere caught three passes for 102 yards and ran for 75 more on

11 tries.

Meanwhile, the Demons managed to run for only 64 yards against the nation’s No. 1-ranked rush defense, which was allowing an average of just 55.8.

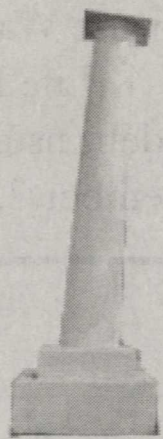
For the second straight week, NSU was burned for three third-quarter touchdowns as Sam Houston more than doubled a 16-point half-time advantage and turned the contest into a blowout.

The Bearkats didn’t dominate the first half except on the scoreboard, where a 23-7 lead didn’t reflect the modest 189-137 yardage advantage by SHSU.

“We helped them with our turnovers. They scored on one, got a field goal off another, and without those it’s a 13-7 game at halftime,” said Peveto. “The other major failure for us was coverage breakdowns that allowed them to hit big plays in the passing game. Their quarterback kept plays alive and while he was scrambling we didn’t keep tabs on every receiver, and that really cost us.”

A 35-yard touchdown catch and

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Students travel From Natchitoches to Cartagena

NSU News Bureau

For Arielle Craige, meeting students at the Universidad Tecnológico Comfenalco in Cartagena, Colombia, was like meeting old friends. Craige and fellow classmates had been interacting with their counterparts at the Colombian university throughout the fall semester via video conferencing and Facebook.

The students met face to face during the Thanksgiving break when the senior level business class, accompanied by their professor Dr. Marcus Jones, vice president for University Affairs, and Dr. Lisa Abney, vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, traveled to Cartagena for a round table discussion on the U.S./Colombia Free Trade Agreement.

"The most valuable part to me was getting a chance to experience

so much of the culture, learn about the city of Cartagena and meet people with great attitudes," Craige, who had never traveled outside the United States, said. "They shared so many stories about the city."

The journey was the culmination of a semester's study in international commerce in which students researched the trade agreement and prepared to discuss its pros and cons with counterparts at Comfenalco, who have studied the topic throughout their college careers.

"We felt as though we already knew each other," she said.

During the debate, the groups discussed trade aspects of two Colombian exports, passion fruit and plastics, with the help of a mediator.

The debates were held in English, though there were two fluent Spanish speakers in the American group and most of the Colombian students



Students from a senior level business class traveled to Cartagena over the Thanksgiving break to meet fellow students. The students worked together to complete the project and learn more about each other's cultures.

spoke conversational English.

"It was a positive discussion," Craige said. "Each group brought their points across and tried to focus on the positive."

The Northwestern State students presented the Colombian students

with specially designed t-shirts that promoted the partnership between the two schools. They also sat in on a business class in which Comfenalco business students were learning to use Excel in Spanish.

"It was beyond anything I'd

ever experienced to be able to see the university and that environment with great technology," said Craige, a New Orleans native who noted that Cartagena's narrow streets, historic buildings and city plaza reminded her of her hometown.

While in Cartagena, Jones and Abney signed an agreement on behalf of Northwestern State to offer dual enrollment opportunities for the Colombian students and develop exchange opportunities for students at both universities.

They also met with officials at Universidad Libre, Sede Cartagena, to begin finalizing a second such agreement.

The trip also provided an opportunity to visit Cartagena high schools in recruiting initiatives.

The delegation visited a lab school affiliated with Comfenalco and were treated to an impressive student

symphony performance, raising the possibility of recruiting students with a music background to attend Northwestern State.

"The highlight for me was seeing my students interact with the Colombian students," said Jones, who raised the majority of funding for the trip through external sources.

Jones would like to offer the advanced business course every fall and explore the possibility of hosting a delegation of Colombian students for a similar debate in the spring.

The trip was covered by the Shreveport Times, which provided a blog in which the students shared their daily experiences as they explored Cartagena.

For more information on this program and possible other classes, contact Dr. Marcus Jones at (318) 357-5700.

Health Services for students

Emily Walter
Sauce Reporter

For a student feeling ill, or just seeking health related information, the Health Services Clinic at Northwestern State University is available to assist them.

The members of the nursing staff are Ashley Jordan, RN, and Eva Harrell, RN. Stephanie Campbell, RN, is the director of health services.

Campbell explained that through payment of the Health Services Fees, the health clinic offers a variety of services to students.

"The clinic performs assessment of acute illnesses or injuries, provides some over-the-counter medication, and can change bandages and remove stitches," said Campbell.

Condoms can be picked up for free at the clinic, and "birth control and women's health is in the works" said Campbell. The clinic is currently negotiating services and supplies



Submitted photo
Nurses at Health Services designed and put together artwork, which is displayed inside and outside the Health Services building.

for women's health

"We also offer STD testing for \$10, and it includes treatment if positive. The \$10 goes on a student's account as optional health service for privacy," said Campbell.

If a student needs to see a doctor, Campbell said, "the clinic makes referrals to Ingram Medical Clinic here in Natchitoches."

Health Services is located on 315 Caspari Street on Northwestern State University's main campus,

connected to the University Police station.

The clinic operating hours in fall and spring semesters are from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Fridays. During the summer, clinic operating hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and closed on Fridays.

To contact Health Services, call (318) 357-5351, or email Campbell at campbells@nsula.edu.

NSU News Bureau

Louisiana Commissioner of Higher Education Dr. Jim Purcell will be the speaker at Fall Commencement Exercises Friday, Dec. 16, in Prather Coliseum.

Purcell will speak to graduates from the College of Arts and Letters and the College of Education and Human Development at 10 a.m.

He will address graduates from the College of Nursing and Allied Health and the College of Science, Technology and Business at 3 p.m.

Purcell was named commissioner in February. He previously served as

the state higher education executive in Arkansas and associate vice chancellor for strategic planning in Oklahoma.

Purcell oversees and supervises the operations of the Board of Regents' staff and represents the state's postsecondary education community at the state and federal level as well as with the general public.

He is actively engaged in implementing Louisiana's premier piece of higher education legislation, the Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas (GRAD) Act, as well as the Performance-Based Funding Formula.

New opportunities in Marksville

NSU News Bureau

Officials from Northwestern State University participated in ribbon cutting ceremonies at the Tunica-Biloxi Cultural and Educational Resource Center on the Tunica-Biloxi Reservation in Marksville. Northwestern State will offer courses at the facility beginning in the spring semester.

Dr. Darlene Williams, vice president for technology, research and economic development, and Professor of Anthropology Dr. Hiram F. "Pete" Gregory spoke at the dedication along with Tribal Chairman Earl Barbry Sr., members of the Tribal Council and state and local officials.

The 40,000-square-foot museum houses the largest collection of European and Native American artifacts

from the Colonial period. It also will have Tunica artifacts on display and will house traveling exhibits. It also will feature a gift shop, tribal offices, library, restoration/conservation laboratory, exhibit hall, classrooms, auditorium, video/audio conference rooms and computer labs.

"I came here for the first time 52 years ago. The place where the Center is was a big potato patch," said Gregory. "I think about the old people who dreamed about this place, which is a place of spirits. The spirits of those people are here. This is a sacred place."

Gregory has worked closely with the Tunica-Biloxi for decades.

"The Tunica Biloxi have been here 300 years and have struggled to keep their land," he said. "When Earl Barbry Sr. became chairman,

he wanted to do something with the tribal land such as build housing and I was proud to be able to help him.

"I have watched this museum being built. They say good things take a long time and this has taken a long time. This is a place where living and learning will take place and it is a wonderful example."

The Northwestern State classes being offered at the Center will be open to any area resident wishing to attend.

"The university will offer educational opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students," said Williams. "The building's unique design and common spaces will provide our world-class faculty unprecedented

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Honor Society toy drive

The NSU chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon Mathematics Honor Society is sponsoring a Christmas toy and gift drive to benefit the LSU Health Sciences Center Pediatric Unit. All donations will be given to children in the hospital unit during the Christmas season. Donations of new unwrapped items can be dropped in room 450B of Kyser Hall (the math tutoring lab).

F1 Visa - international students

This is a friendly reminder for all international students, who have an F1 Student VISA and are planning to leave the US during the break. Please be sure that your form I-20 has been endorsed by an authorized personnel in the Office of Admissions before we close on Dec. 16 at noon.

Tutors needed during 2012 spring semester

The NSU Athletic Department has been very fortunate to receive grant money from the NCAA each summer to fund an in-house tutoring program. We are currently seeking out those who would be interested in working for athletics tutoring during the spring 2012 semester. Applicants must be of sophomore status without a current on-campus job. Please contact the tutor coordinator, Rachelle Menard, at menardr@nsula.edu to request an application.

Submit to Argus before end of semester

Don't forget to submit your creative work to Argus before you leave for the semester. Enter your poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, art and photography for a chance to win cash prizes and get published in an award-winning magazine. The deadline is Dec. 9. Send your creative writing and any questions to argus@nsula.edu.

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Gala continues holiday tradition

Students filled with Christmas spirit

Jared Roberts
Sauce Reporter

A booming voice comes from the balcony above as the curtains open center stage revealing a two-story tall choir that starts off a Natchitoches and NSU tradition NSU: Christmas Gala.

Gala was originally inspired by the Radio City Music Hall shows in New York City. Director Dr. Christopher Gilliam, unable to use the copyrighted material, used the shows as an inspiration to make his own piece for this year's performance, titled "We Celebrate Christmas," which Gala goers will remember as both the finale and the overall theme of the event.

Gilliam began working on the 21st annual Gala in March when he began writing his original work and deciding which number would make it into the show.

"I wanted to pen a text that communicated as many facets of the 'global holiday spirit' that I could," Gilliam said. "The phrase 'We Celebrate Christmas,' popped into my head and it stuck."

Eventually the opening act, "We Celebrate Christmas," became

the finale. The Gala had nine returning acts and four new performances.

About 5,000 children and 4,000 adults viewed the four shows last week. Gilliam complimented the hard work of the cast and crew which consisted of more than 300 cast members, not including technical crew and faculty.

The Gala cast practiced since October in addition to four rehearsals. In the days before the first performance, students worked a minimum of 20 hours in addition to preparing for finals.

"I wish everyone could understand what a sacrifice Gala is for our students and faculty," Gilliam said.

Ariana Michel, assistant stage manager, worked more than 50 hours on Gala.

"As far as stress goes, this year in particular has been pretty stressful... as expected when merging two departments and wrangling about 300 people into one space," she said.

"The arts change people, moves the soul," Gilliam said. "If you can make someone laugh or cry, well the arts are very powerful. It's a responsibility."



Photo by NSU News Bureau

The Gala featured performances by the NSU Choirs, the NSU Department of Theatre and Dance and the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Orchestra. The Out on a Limb Improv Troupe, Northwestern State Jazz Orchestra, NSU Rockettes, NSU Percussion Ensemble, NSU Blast and students from the Department of Fine and Graphic Arts also performed.

Creativity at Christmas: Health Services ornament competition

Yvette Wagoner
Life Editor

Students used their creative side last week to create Christmas ornaments for NSU Health Services' ornament competition.

The contest was open to all current NSU students, and they were given the option to choose five items from the Health Services Center to create a homemade Christmas ornament.

The items included latex gloves, tongue depressors, pill bottles, otoscope covers, cotton balls, medicine cups and other medical items. The ornament was judged on originality, creativity, appearance and quality.

The first place prizes were a \$50 gift certificate to Antoon's Restaurant and an original piece of artwork by one of the nurses, Ashley Jordan.

The second place prize was a purple NSU hoodie.

The third place prize was a NSU throw blanket and NSU cups and pens.



Photo by Ashley Jordan

Winners from left to right hold their homemade Christmas ornaments: First place, Taylor Anderson; Second place, Jessica Tate; Third place, Kelsie Neighbors.

Current Sauce announces first 'Honor the Scholar' winner: Drew Ferguson



Drew Ferguson

Yvette Wagoner
Life Editor

Drew Ferguson is a sophomore double majoring in accounting and business.

She has obtained an overall 4.0 gpa. Ferguson has attended a seminar on Louisiana Entrepreneurship about "Developing Small Business" and plans on owning

a private business in the future. Ferguson also plans to acquire a Certified Public Accountant certificate.

"I'm dedicated to studying and keeping my grades up because I know how much my gpa will affect the type of job I am able to receive when I get out of college," Ferguson said.

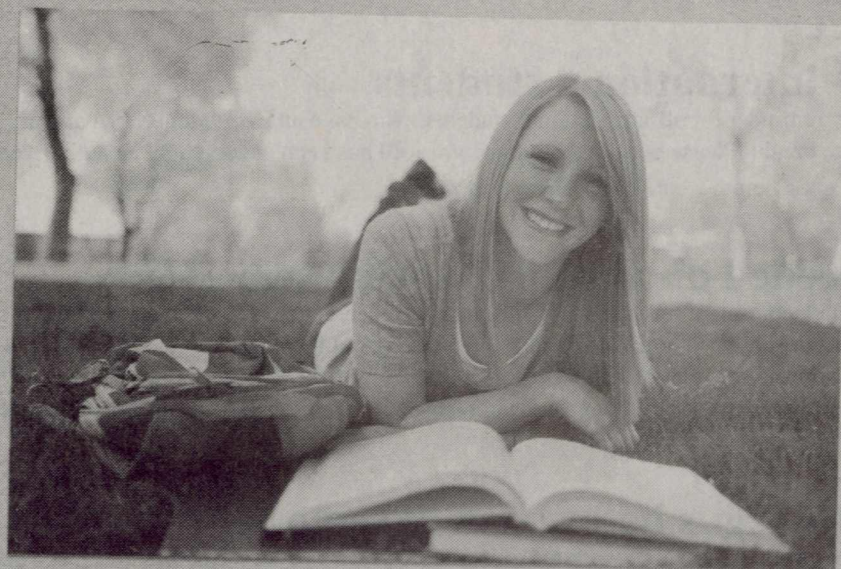
She has offered her services as a math tutor, particularly in college algebra.

"I would love to help anyone who didn't fully understand their school work," Ferguson added.

Ferguson is a member of Phi Mu Fraternity and is also the newly elected College Panhellenic Council senior delegate.

"I work hard at whatever is given to me, and I know it will not be hard to be very involved in my sorority as well as maintain my academic success," Ferguson said.

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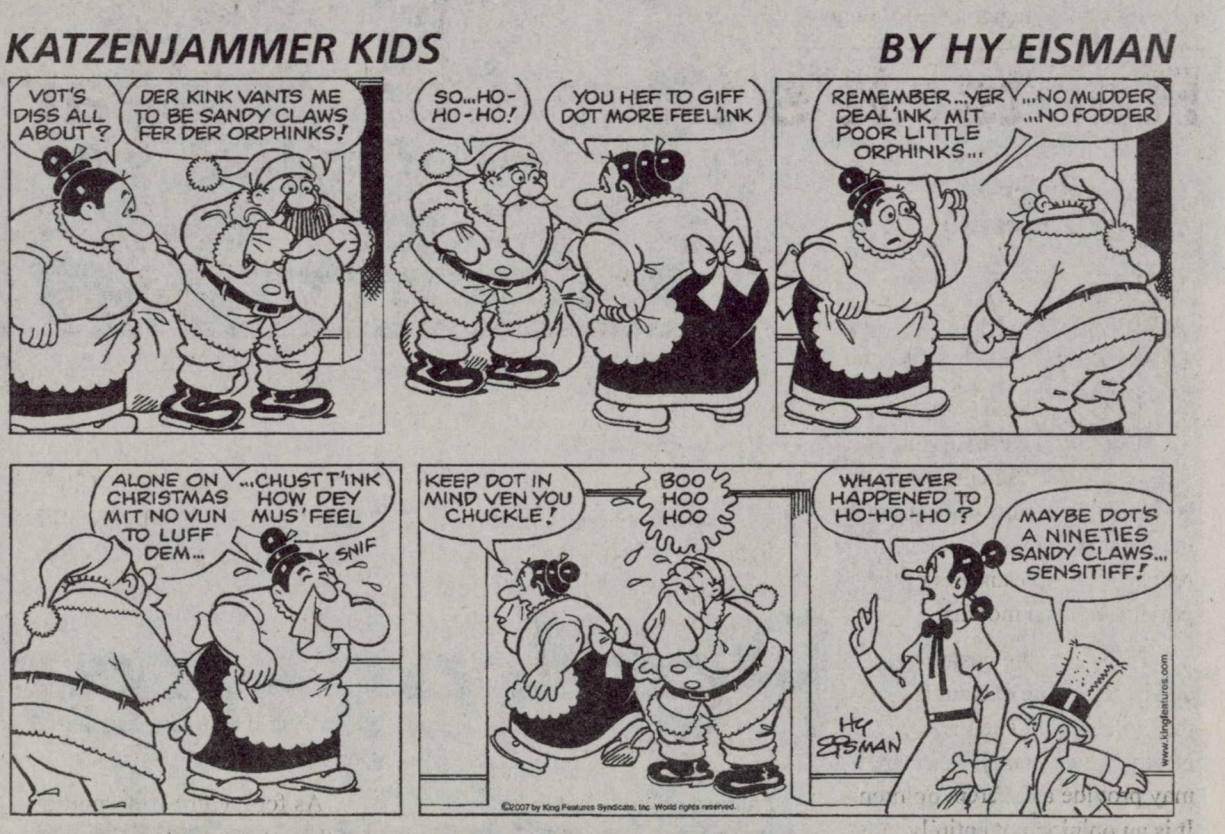
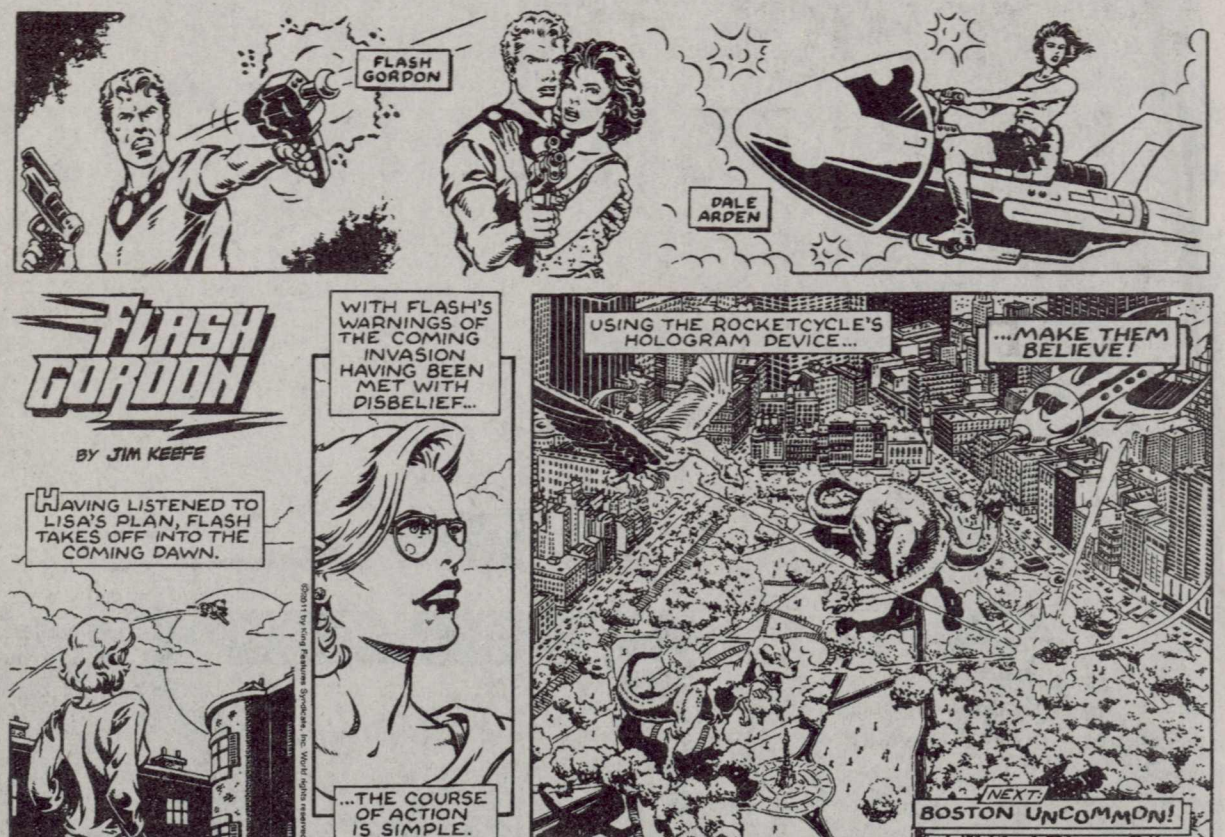
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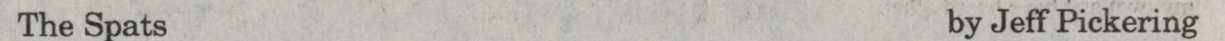
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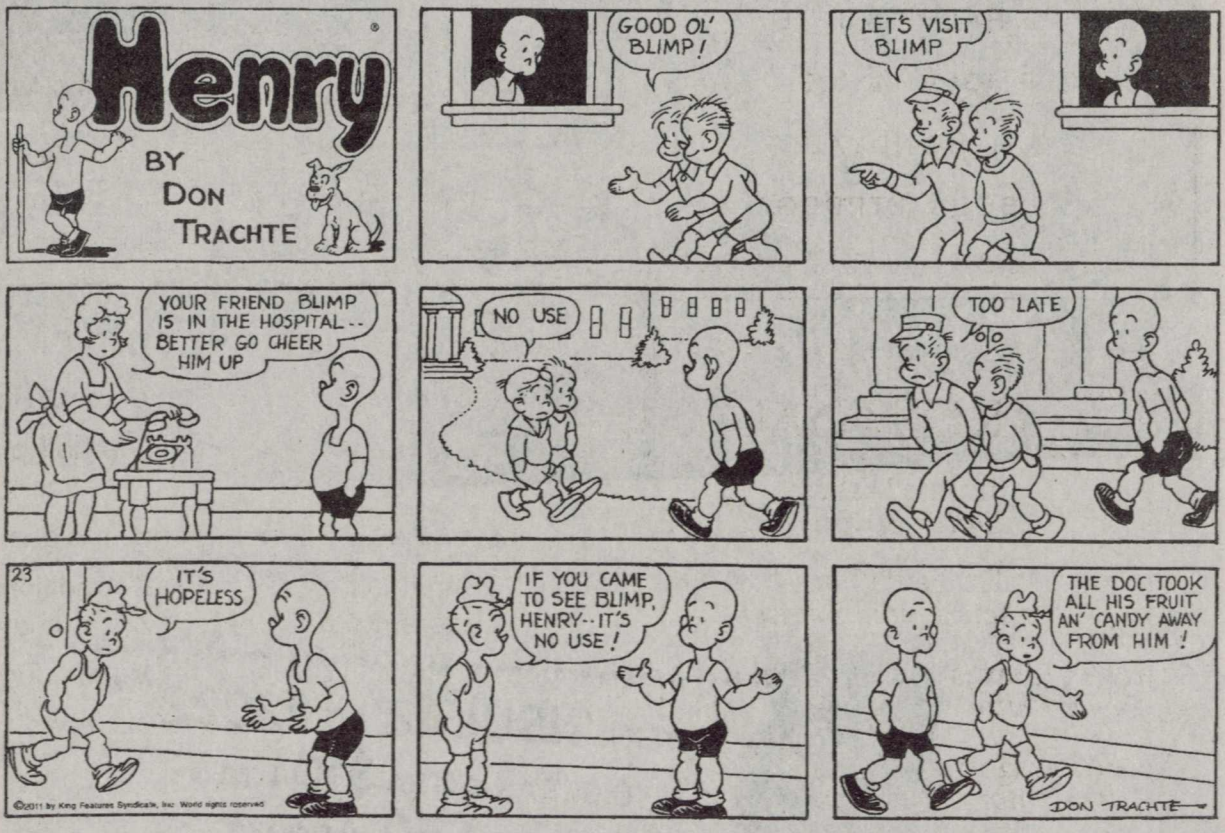
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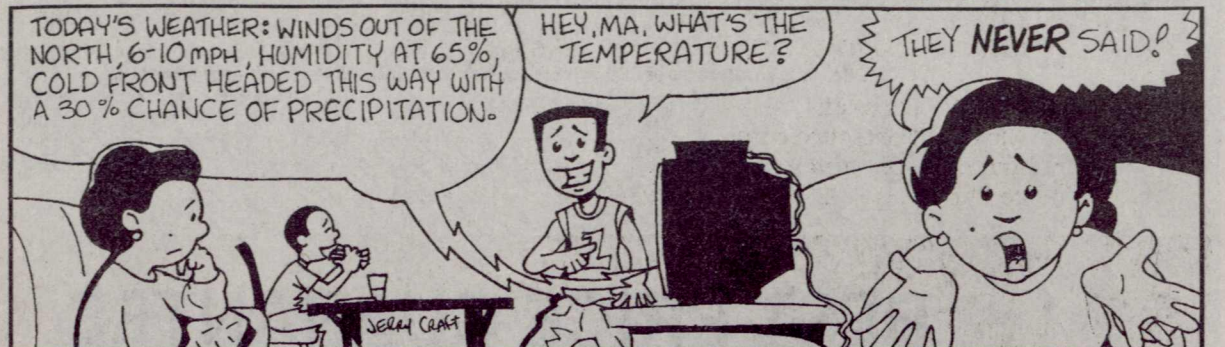
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Warning: Plagiarism serious offense



Catherine Beverly
Co-Editor

From December 7th to December 14th, the students of Northwestern State will be taking finals. This can cause a lot of stress for college students. However, that is no reason to forget to study and concentrate on school. Although slacking off can seem like a good idea, it eventually leads to more stress. Something some students may consider is copying the work of others as an easy way out. Copying another individual's work, in any form, and claiming it as your own is plagiarism. Although

"To be honest, I feel quite betrayed when it [plagiarism] happens even though I know the student is simply thinking of his/her own grade. But I feel as if I give my students every opportunity to learn and to improve, and I can't understand why someone even takes a class if s/he doesn't intend to do the work."

- Dr. Shirley Stave, professor of English

"I think intentional plagiarism is a product of pure laziness; there's no reason to plagiarize if you know your subject. I personally would have no tolerance for plagiarism if I were a teacher. Plagiarism is, in my opinion, detrimental to all those involved, and the risks associated with plagiarizing definitely outweigh the possible benefits."

- Kristen Hadley, sophomore in Liberal Arts

some cases of plagiarism are more extreme than others, even forgetting the quotation marks around a direct quote in a paper can be considered plagiarism.

Some students may think that a "small" case of plagiarism will not be caught, or if it is, that it will not be judged as harshly. This is a silly idea.

It is hard for me to believe that some students may not know what the term plagiarism means, but for those students who do not know that copy and pasting information into your own paper is stealing – it is time for you to learn.

Faculty members at NSU have access to the program "Turnitin" which can be used to detect even

the smallest act of plagiarism. Despite this, it seems that students still think plagiarism is a viable option in regards to term papers or other assignments.

Although it may not seem like a big deal as you copy and paste a line or two of text – even if you just forget to add the citation – it can have disastrous results on your

academic career.

From a failing grade in your class to expulsion from the university itself, plagiarism in an academic community is not looked upon lightly. The act of plagiarism betrays a lazy work ethic that many teachers, and even employers, will frown upon later in life.

So if you are thinking about plagiarizing, remember that you are not in high school anymore. There is no principal's office, and you will not receive a slap on the wrist. The effects of the decisions you make while attending this university will stay with you for a lifetime.

For more information regarding what plagiarism entails please go to: www.plagiarism.org

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- Current Sauce staff

Rants: It's that time of year again

Tom H. Lawler
Opinions Columnist



As it is December, it is also Christmas Festival time in Natchitoches. It is that magical time of year when the parish finally sees a decent return on its investments of the previous eleven months.

With all of the positive and cheery hype exclaiming the wonders of 'The Paris of Northern Louisiana', I thought I may provide a different opinion. It is an opinion not entirely my own as I have heard others

express similar sentiments.

A walk down Front St. last night (around nine in the evening) revealed that in front of every store and restaurant was a crowd. Truly, people come from far and wide to enjoy the Christmas Festival. In other words, people come from all over to look at...

lights? Bias alert: I hate Christmas lights. To be fair though, I do not loathe Christmas but only a few certain aspects like lights, general cheerfulness and 'seasonal commercials' on TV. Humbug.

I have no idea how much the lights cost Natchitoches, and I almost do not want to know. What I am aware of though, is that any small or medium-sized

town could throw up lights for Christmas. In fact, most do.

True, Natchitoches is a special place. However the Christmas Festival is not a special part of it. Perhaps though, it is integral in stimulating the local economy and giving us residents something to talk or gripe about.

My other complaint with the lights is the energy use. Bias alert: I enjoy outdoor activities and plan on receiving a master's degree in environmental studies. Dear reader, you may insert any green movement argument about energy use here and it would probably fit.

As for the fireworks portion of the annual display, I approve. They are only for one night (or

two?) and actually much more thrilling than lights.

The other complaint is the crowds. One reason why I chose to study in Natchitoches was its relative quietness compared to other cities in Louisiana (since I am from Baton Rouge). The crowds ruin all of that.

Every year my apartment's parking lot fills up with other states' license plates. In past years, I have had to pay to park at my own home.

Another thing about those crowds is that while they do spend good money here, we sacrifice peace, cheaper prices at places of commerce, and less traffic on the city's roads. If that is the price to keep the city afloat

financially, so be it. We will begrudgingly pay the cost.

So if you are from out of town and reading this: take a gander at our lights and streets of brick. You may have never seen such things before so enjoy yourself (spend money, spend money, spend money).

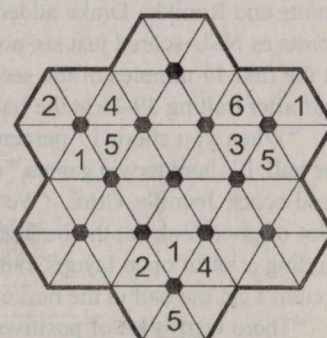
As for you, dear reader, I hope this Christmas Festival passes with no annoyances to you. Me, I am looking forward to January. Yet, if for nothing else, it is an interesting something to have in the background for a while.

To my fans and critics alike: again, Humbug. See you next semester.

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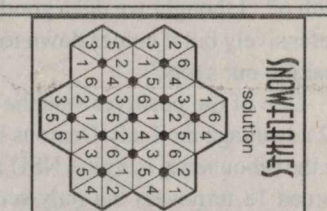
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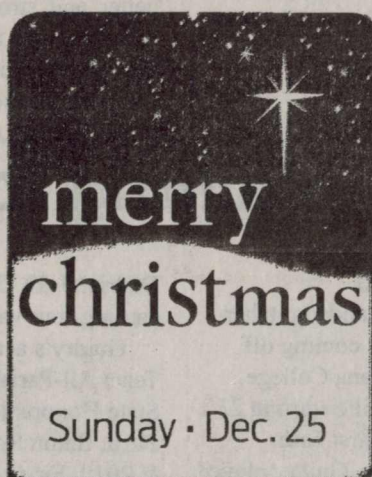
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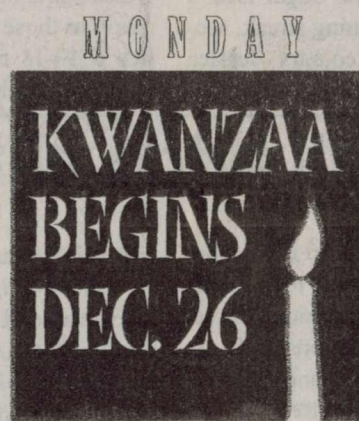
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Begins Tuesday, Dec. 20

Tips for Healthier Holiday Eating

- Drink more water throughout meals to help feel fuller, quicker.
- Be careful with portions (one-half plate should be fruits and vegetables, one-fourth proteins and one-fourth grains.)
- Take a long walk after a meal; it is good for digestion and will make you feel better.
- Cook healthy versions of traditional recipes by using resources such as eatbetteramerica.com and mypyramid.gov.
- Use whole grains instead of white for making bread, stuffing and pasta.
- Substitute applesauce for oil when making baked goods such as cookies and cakes.
- Use herbs instead of salt to add flavor to food.
- Adults should exercise 30 minutes a day, which can be divided into 10-minute segments if necessary.
- Use local produce whenever possible. It tends to maintain its nutrients longer than produce that has traveled long distances.

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Poor shooting dooms Lady Demons in 67-41 loss to SMU

Courtesy of Sports Info:

The frigid temperatures outside Southern Methodist's Moody Coliseum followed the Northwestern State Lady Demon basketball team into the arena as NSU shot a season-low 23.1 percent (15 of 65) from the floor in a 67-41 loss to the Mustangs on Monday night.

The shooting percentage was the lowest since making just 21.5 percent from the floor at Texas-Arlington in February of 2006 and the 41 points was the lowest point total since scoring 39 points in a loss to Louisiana-Monroe in December 2006.

The loss dropped the Lady Demons to 2-5 on the season while SMU snapped a three-game losing streak with the win and improved to 5-4 on the year.

Jordi James led NSU with 11 points and Ronikka Drake added 10 points as NSU scored just six points in the first 14 minutes of the second half after trailing 39-26 at the half.

"When you shoot 17 percent in the half, it's hard to win games," said head coach Jennifer Graf. "We had a lot of good looks at the basket, including a lot of open layups, but we couldn't get the ball in the basket."

"There were a lot of positives in the game," said Graf. "They (SMU) scored 17 points in the first four minutes of the game and then finished with 67. I thought we did a good job defensively but it comes down to not making our shots."

One of the positives was the 46-42 advantage the Lady Demons held in the rebounding margin. NSU also forced 18 turnovers but only scored nine points off those miscues.

SMU had just one player score in double figures with Samant Mahnesmith leading the way with 15 points.

The Mustangs forced the Lady Demons into 26 turnovers and scored 24 points off those errors.

The Mustangs knocked down 25 of 60 from the field for 41.7 percent and hit 4 of 11 from 36 percent from 3-point range.

"We'll turn the page on this one and keep working hard to get better," said Graf. "It'll be great to get back home."

The Lady Demons trailed 39-26 at the half but came on strong in the last 3:45 of the frame after hitting 3 of 5 from the field, including both shots from 3-point range.

James knocked down a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give the Lady Demons a little momentum heading into the break.

NSU returns to action on Saturday when it hosts Wiley College at 2 p.m. in Prather Coliseum.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Lady Demons finished the season with an overall record of 10-6 and conference record of 6-10. The team made the SLC tourney.

Young Lady Demons turn in successful 2011 season

Robbie Klienmuntz
Sauce Reporter

Fielding a roster of nine freshmen, two sophomores and a junior, the Northwestern State volleyball team reached the Southland Conference Tournament for the first time in three years, and improved its conference win total by two matches from 2010.

The Lady Demons (10-20, 6-10) showed the SLC Tournament stage wasn't too big, as they competed well against #1 seed Texas State, taking a set off the eventual tournament champions.

As team defense has been the backbone of the team, NSU proved it once again by holding the Bobcats 57 points below their season average in hitting percentage and below that of any other team Texas State faced in the tournament.

"This year was a great step in the rebuilding process for our program. Having to mesh together nine new faces with three returners was a challenge in itself - not to mention

getting nine freshmen acclimated to the college game, our training and systems of play, and the rigors of being a student-athlete at this level," co-head coach Hugh Hernesman. "It wasn't an easy process, but it was a great learning experience for our athletes."

NSU was on the brink of elimination heading into the final weekend of the season, needing to win its final two matches in order to qualify for the conference tournament. The Lady Demons then stepped up to the challenge and took down SLU and Nicholls State, winning six of their final seven sets and earning a trip to the SLC Tournament.

Conway, Ark., hosted not only the SLC Tournament, but also the Lady Demon's historic trip on Sept. 15, when they pulled off their biggest win of the season. Led by Stacey DiFrancesco's 21 kills and .241% attack percentage, the victory over Central Arkansas made national news, as it ended the Sugar Bear's 31-match home winning streak, second longest in the country. Jessica Gutierrez came in to finish it off by

serving an ace on match point.

The Lady Demons also hoisted a streak of their own, taking three in a row against SLC opponents starting Sept. 29. The spurt was the longest the program had recorded since the 2008 season.

"Our pre-conference portion of the schedule had us better prepared for conference play this year compared to last year. We made a concerted effort to schedule teams with a RPI of 50-125, and played eight of our 12 matches against teams in that range."

"That helped raise our program's level of play, and put us in enough challenging situations that we were ready for the top teams in our conference," Hernesman said.

NSU posted an impressive 7-1 record against Louisiana foes this season, including victories over UL-Lafayette, Louisiana Tech, McNeese State, Southeastern Louisiana (twice) and Nicholls State (twice). Quick starts often favored Lady Demons in those matches, as they tallied a 19-11 record in the opening frame of matches on the year.

DiFrancesco earned Freshman of the Year and Second-team All-Conference after leading the SLC with 14 double-doubles in 16 matches.

She broke the school record for attacks in a season (1390), and placed second in the record books in total kills (424). DiFrancesco finished the season second in the SLC in kills, averaging 3.79 per set on the season and 4.16 per set in conference play.

Libero Keelie Arneson set the NSU single-season record for digs, scooping up 539, surpassing Rachel Ford's mark of 528 set in 2006. Arneson also earned Southern Mississippi Invitational All-Tournament honors at the beginning of the year, and finished sixth in the SLC in digs after reaching double-digits in 29 of 30 matches.

The Lady Demons finished eighth in the SLC, two spots ahead of where the preseason polls predicted them. "We now look forward to getting better and stronger this spring and adding a very talented 2012 recruiting class to the mix next August," Hernesman said.

Lady Demon softball adds elite pitching for 2012

Robbie Klienmuntz
Sauce Reporter

Head Coach Donald Pickett announced the addition of two elite Northwestern State softball players for the 2012 season, as pitchers Baylee Gray and Kaylee Guidry make up the incoming class.

"We are really excited about adding these two pitchers to our program," Pickett said. "They will have the opportunity to have an impact for us immediately."

Gray, a right-handed pitcher from Mansfield, Texas, led Mansfield HS to a 26-7 record, 7-2

playoff record and a 1.06 ERA. She was a big contributor for teams that earned Bi-District champions (three times), District Champions, Area Champions, Semi-final and Quarterfinal Champions and Regional Finalists.

Gray's accolades also include two-time First Team All-District, District MVP, First Team All-Area, All-Area Super Team, All-Area Second-team Dallas Morning News, three-time Academic All-District and Academic Honor Roll.

"Baylee brings a great presence to the mound and is a great competitor," Pickett said. "She has played at a high-level and will bring a great

mentality to our staff."

Guidry, a right-handed pitcher from Walker, La., is coming off a 4-0 year at Louisiana College. She also hit .338 while starting 23 games and playing first base.

Over the summer, Guidry played for the Louisiana Chaos and tallied a 23-0 pitching record and a 0.49 ERA. The team ended on a 51-game win streak and won six tournaments, including three state championships and the NSU 18-U Class A National Title. At Walker HS, she recorded three perfect games, seven no-hitters and a 1.22 ERA her senior year. She led the team to a state semi-final appearance and the

District 5-5A Championship while earning four varsity letters.

Guidry's accolades include First-Team All-Parish Pitcher 2010, All-State Honorable Mention 2009 & 2010, Baton Rouge All-Metro 2009 & 2010, First-team All-District in 2009 & 2010, Second-Team All-Parish Pitcher 2008 & 2009, Team MVP in 2009, and Second Team All-District Pitcher Award 2008.

"Kaylee will bring maturity and experience to the circle," Pickett said. "She has great command of her pitches and can change speeds really well."

The Lady Demons will open the season on Feb. 10, 2012, at ULM.



Jimmie Walker
Editor-In-Chief

Dynomite: The BCS finally got it right: LSU and Bama set for rematch

I know by reading the headline some of you became instantly upset. Your first thoughts were probably, "there goes another imitation sports writer thinking he knows about sports." "How in the world can he say the BCS is right about anything?"

I'll admit that I am contradicting myself a little. I never loved the system and probably complained about it just as much as the fans of Oklahoma State or any non-Southeastern Conference team. I'm just saying that for once, the BCS did the right thing in selecting Alabama to face off in a rematch against LSU.

The BCS is supposed to put the two best teams in a no-holds-barred, gridiron competition. It doesn't take into account what it suspects the final score to be.

An OKST and LSU game seems like it would be more offensively stimulating, but that is not the point. Let's take LSU out of the picture for the moment. I wonder how many people believe that Oklahoma State can beat Alabama? For those of you that believe this, I am here to say you are wrong.

I hate to use the old cliché about defense beating the offense, but it fits perfectly in this scenario. Now add the fact that the Crimson Tide is stacked on the offensive end as well. It's not that hard to believe that Trent Richardson would walk all over the defense of the Cowboys. Just look at what he did to LSU.

The argument about needing to win your conference in order to play for a national title needs to be thrown out of the window. OKST has nobody to blame but themselves.

There is no possible way you can form an intellectual thought that can justify losing to an unranked Iowa State and convince anyone that OKST deserves to play in the Allstate BCS Championship.

We know the BCS is not perfect, but let's face it, the picture is set.

The Crimson Tide-LSU grudge match is happening and it will determine who is king of NCAA football for the 2011 season.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Jimmy Mitchell received a plaque commemorating him for his 200th career win.

Jimmy Mitchell resigns as soccer head coach

Jimmie Walker
Editor-In-Chief

Lady Demon soccer head coach Jimmy Mitchell has resigned after leading the team for 13 seasons.

Mitchell finished with an NSU record of 131-112-20. He won a Southland Conference regular-season championship, three SLC tournament-titles and helped his team appear three times in the NCAA tournament.

"Jimmy Mitchell has been the face of the Northwestern State women's soccer program for the majority of its existence and is appreciated beyond words for his immeasurable contributions to the success and overall well-being of the program," NSU Director of Athletics Greg Burke said. "I am certain that I am joined by everyone associated with the NSU athletic program in wishing him the best in his future endeavors."

Shortly after Mitchell arrived, he began to show that his hire was a good choice. A 15-8 season led to the program's first league title in 2000. More hardware was gained during the 2002 season. Mitchell won another conference tournament championship. He coached his way to a third title in 2005 as the Lady Demons became the first Louisiana team to make three NCAA tournament appearances.

"I have enjoyed spending 13 years of my life in Natchitoches and at Northwestern State," Mitchell said. "I came to NSU thinking I would be here a few years and then move on to another university, but once we became entrenched in the community, my family fell in love with the people and the culture of the area. Because of this I have turned down several chances to take other jobs to stay at NSU. I am glad that we made the decision to move here 13 years ago and experience such a unique and special place."

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by Dave T. Phipps



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Leesville campus upgrades through Coke Rewards

Sarah Hale
Staff Reporter

Leesville Campus Library Manager, Anna MacDonald, is incredibly pleased with the changes taking place this semester in the Leesville Student Library. Through the Coke Rewards program the library has been almost completely remodeled. With a total of three new student centers, a new paint job, as well as several newly purchased best selling novels, the library has begun to increase in popularity among the Leesville students.

During a recent survey Northwestern students suggested that the library add leisure books to its collection. In response to the requests The Leesville Campus Library created a new section entirely dedicated to the latest best selling novels. Featuring novels by Christine Feehan, Colleen Houck and Suzanne Collins as well as a collection of graphic novels by Robert Kirkman, the best-seller section is steadily becoming a student hotspot.

“Through the (Coke Rewards) program we have earned enough Coke points to acquire 12 popular magazines. This has saved the library money and allowed them to put it towards other purchases,” MacDonald said.

Coke Rewards is a program de-

signed to help schools buy a variety of educational tools through the use of a point system. Points are accumulated by submitting codes, found on the inside of Coke product bottle caps, to an online Coke Rewards account. Each coke product is worth a certain number of points. Once enough points are accumulated they can be redeemed for a prize which is chosen by the participating school.

Other additions to the library include a group study area—complete with a television, DVD and VHS players and internet access— a paperback book section and a KIC (Knowledge Information Center) scanner.

MacDonald is especially thrilled by the new scanner and states, “Now that we’ve gotten it up and running the scanner, will be available to all students. Students can scan in color photos and save them to a USB drive instead of printing them off. That way they don’t get charged for using the printer.” The touch screen panel makes the KIC different from the other scanners, allowing students to choose and edit images with the touch of a button. The scanner features three separate USB ports, allowing students to save directly to their thumb drives.

With all of the new additions to the library, student life at Leesville campus is bound to become much more enjoyable this semester.

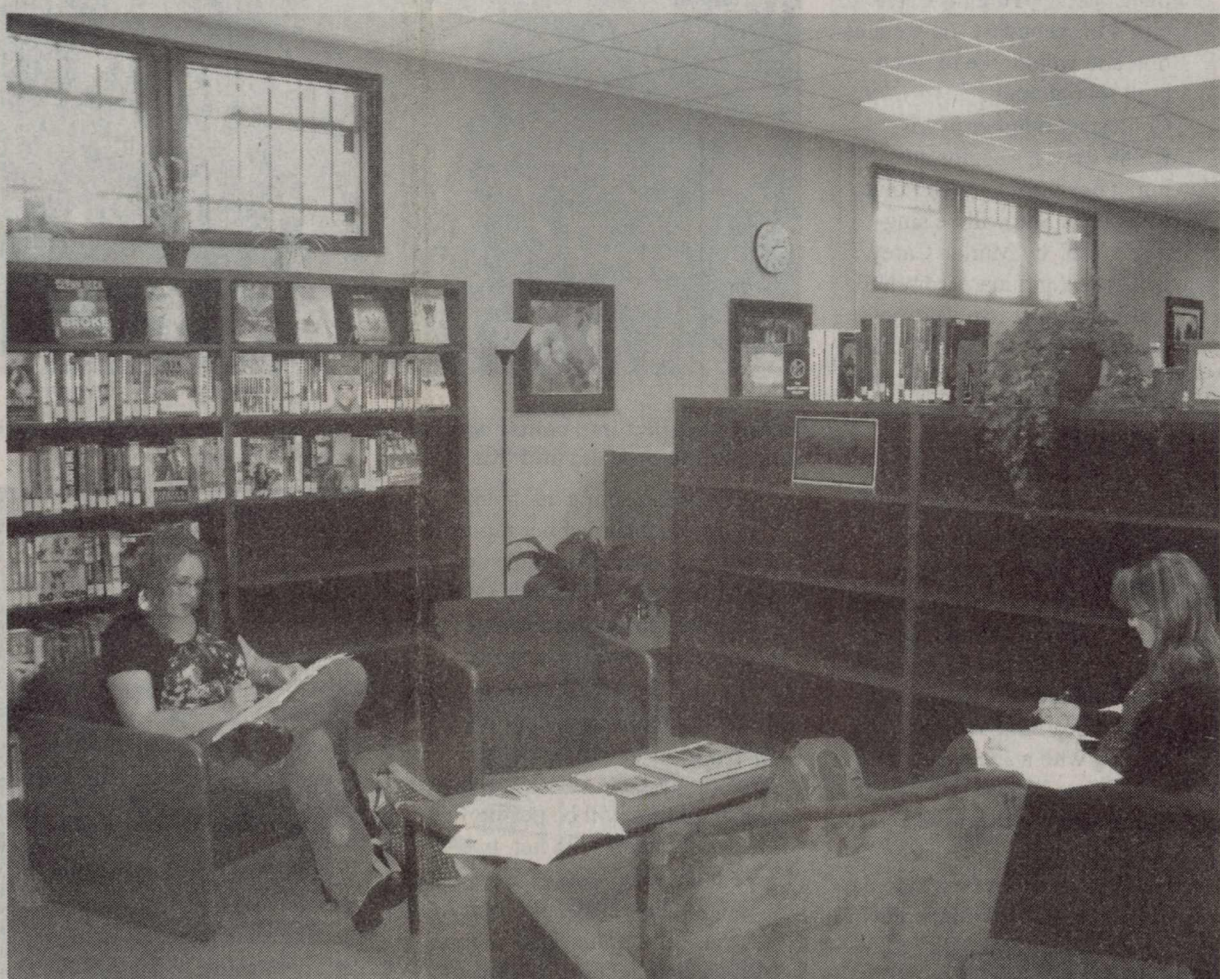


Photo submitted by Anna MacDonald
Leesville students use the library’s new best-seller section for a quiet place to study.

NSU Police Blotter	Roy Hall	January 14th
Reports from the NSU police station from Jan 10-16	January 10th 7:21 a.m. - Traffic accident at Ferguson	10:36 a.m. - Police break up large group at UP1
January 7th 2:29 p.m. Driver with suspended license, apprehended vehicle	7:25 a.m. - Collision at UP1	4:48 p.m. - Dorm at Columns had door kicked in
January 8th 11:02 p.m.- Student complaint at Columns	10:00 p.m. - Smoke reported at Columns	10:20 p.m. - Group of students remain at Student Union when asked to leave
January 9th 8:36 p.m. -Sparks seen at Roy Hall	10:14 p.m. - Natchitoches Fire Department arrives at Columns	10:22 p.m. - Arrive at Student Union, building is clear
8:56 p.m. - Electrician sent to	11:50 p.m. - Items reported missing from UP2	January 15th
	January 11th 11:54 p.m. Traffic stop/ loud music	1:42 p.m. - Bike stolen
	January 13th 8:29 Fire found left unattended	4:48 p.m. - Break-in at Columns

SAB plans for fun-filled spring

Alexis Reilford
Staff Reporter

After a 3-week holiday break students and faculty return to campus eager to start the spring 2012 semester.

To encourage students to leave those dark library cubicles, the Student Activities Board will be hosting multiple events this semester. “Students can look forward to these fun and exciting upcoming events,” sophomore, SAB representative at large Sarah Chan said.

On January 19 at 7 p.m. located in The Alley is the SAB Coffeehouse. Students can come sing, dance, show their talents, and win various prizes. Unsigned artist Scott Porter will perform covers of popular artists’ songs and free coffee items will be served. Other SAB coffeehouses will be held on February 23 and March 15.

The Miss Louisiana Pageant preliminary will be held on February 4th at A.A Fredericks Auditorium. Ten beautiful NSU ladies will compete for the title of Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet, each showcasing their own special talents. The pageant starts at 7 p.m.

Students can expect to laugh non-stop on February 16 at 7 p.m. An NSU Kings of Comedy show will be held in the Student Union Ballroom.

“Three funny, well known comedians will be coming in to perform and it should be a very fun and humorous night,” Chan said.

On March 6, also held in the Student Union Ballroom is “Are you smarter than a freshman?” Much like the popular game show “Are you smarter than a 5th grader?” with a few slight twists.

Students of all classifications will be competing for the top grand prize, a new HP Touchsmart 320 computer, valued at over \$700.

“I encourage every student that is interested to prep for this event because it is going to be intense,” Host and SAB Freshman Factor Committee head Ryan Owens said. According to Owens students should prep by reviewing the basic curriculum of freshman english, math, science and history courses.

The main event of the spring semester, Spring Fling will be held on March 28 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Join SAB at the NSU Tailgating Field as they ring in the spring by enjoying crawfish, listening to a live band, making personalized street signs, getting wet on the giant water slide, and more.

All these SAB events are free of charge for current NSU students with their i.d. and the current semester sticker on the back.

NSU alum earns award

Courtesy of News Bureau:

Dr. Kathleen R. Stevens, a Northwestern State University alumna and a professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, received the Episteme Award, one of nursing’s most prestigious research honors. Stevens received the honor during Sigma Theta Tau International’s 41st biennial convention. STTI is the international honor society of nursing.

In connection with being named an Episteme Laureate, Stevens will be inducted into the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame in July 2012 at the society’s 23rd International Nursing Research Congress in Australia.

The Baxter International Foundation’s Episteme Award acknowledges a major breakthrough in the development of nursing knowledge

that has resulted in a significant and recognizable benefit to the public. Episteme is the Greek word for knowledge.

Stevens, Ed.D., RN, ANEF, FAAN, earned her undergraduate nursing degree with honors at Northwestern State in 1969 and was president of the Student Nurses Association. She earned a master’s degree in maternal child health at Texas Woman’s University and doctor of education in education administration/health research at the University of Houston/Baylor College. She completed post-doctoral work in informatics at the University of Utah.

“My achievements in my profession definitely were fed by good roots developed at Northwestern State College of Nursing,” Stevens said. “I am proud to be a Northwestern State nurse.”

She is director of the Academic Center for Evidence-Based Practice (ACE), a School of Nursing center

of excellence that she founded in 2000. Through ACE, Stevens improves patient care by her efforts to build a workforce and work environments that move research quickly into high-quality care.

“Bridging scientific results to bedside care involves hardwiring new knowledge into care delivery, stimulating clinicians to innovate, evaluate and adopt changes, and embracing patient and family preferences. In short, the goal is to find what research has shown to work best and put it into play for better outcomes,” Stevens said.

To accomplish this, Stevens developed theories of evidence-based practice, established national consensus on new skills needed in clinical care and initiated a series of professional development conferences for clinicians, scientists and hospital leaders. The conferences include the Summer Institute on Evidence-Based Practice, the Educators Evi-

dence-Based Practice Workshop and the Improvement Science Summit. The Summer Institute, launched in 2002, celebrated its 10th annual program in July. Over the past decade, more than 5,000 participants have attended the institute, bringing change to hundreds of institutions.

Additionally, Stevens developed the Improvement Science Research Network (ISRN), a national online research laboratory that enables academic and practice associates to conduct improvement research, accelerating the transformation of health care into safe and reliable systems. “The bridge between scientists and clinical service represents an ongoing commitment to excellence in health care and the advancement of nursing science,” she explained.

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News of the Week

Girl Scouts Boycott own Cookies over Transgender Scout: A group of Girl Scouts calling themselves Honest Girl Scouts are boycotting Girl Scout cookies in response to a Colorado troop allowing a 7 year-old transgender child to join. Surrounding LGBT members respond by purchasing cookies en masse.

Miss Wisconsin becomes new Miss America: In Las Vegas on Saturday night, Miss Wisconsin, 23 year-old Laura Kaeppler became the new Miss America. She sang opera and narrowly beat runner-up Miss Oklahoma.

Golden Globes Awards:
Best Picture-Drama: "The Descendants", **Best Actor-Drama:** George Clooney, **"The Descendants," Best Actress-Drama:** Meryl Streep, **"The Iron Lady", Best Picture-Musical or Comedy:** "The Artist", **Best Animated Feature:** "The Adventures of Tintin", **Best Director:** Martin Scorsese, "Hugo."

Two year-old Virginian boy found safe: Abducted by burglars during a break-in and double homicide, police found the child, unharmed, in a vehicle that was previously seen outside the crime scene.

Wikipedia to shut down Wednesday: In protest of SOPA (the Stop Online Piracy Act in congress) founder Jimmy Wales intends to shutdown Wikipedia for a few hours on Wednesday along with other websites in an “internet blackout”.

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Who will be the next Lady of the Bracelet?

Brittany Jeanice
Sauce Reporter

The Student Activities Board will be hosting the Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet Scholarship Pageant, Feb 4, 2012 at A. A. Fredrick's Auditorium from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Lady of the Bracelet Pageant has gained state recognition for production, scholarship and quality contestants.

The 10 contestants are as follows:

- Contestant number one is Rikia Ancar, a freshman science major from New Orleans, Louisiana. She is in the Louisiana Scholar's College and plans to be a clinical psychologist after she graduates in 2015. Rikia has chosen the platform "Taking up the Pink: Breast Cancer Awareness."
- Contestant number two is Falon Jackson, a junior nursing major from Mansura, Louisiana. Jackson is a member of the NSU Demon Dazzler Danceline. She will be performing a lyrical dance to the number "Come Down to Me." Choosing a platform of "St. Jude's Children Hospital", she wishes to become a registered nurse and help children.
- Contestant number three is Tori Thompson, a freshman biology major from Texas. Thompson has chosen to focus her platform on volunteering, emphasizing the importance of helping one another. She is a member of Phi Mu Fraternity

and also a freshman connector.

- Contestant number four is Amber Jackson from Leesville, Louisiana. Jackson has chosen to focus her platform on Children's Miracle Network, the philanthropy of the Miss America Pageant system. She plans on receiving her bachelor's in secondary math education and would like to teach high school math.
- Contestant number five is Kellie Lewis, a senior nursing major from Church Point, Louisiana. She will be singing "Hero" by Mariah Carey. Lewis will graduate from NSU within the next two years and wishes to achieve a physician's assistant degree from Louisiana State University in the future.
- Contestant number six is Emily Daniels, a freshman nursing major from Kentwood, Louisiana. She is member of the NSU Demon Dazzler Danceline, and is performing a jazz dance. She plans on earning a master's of nursing with a specialization in nuclear medicine.
- Contestant number seven is Christine Davis, a senior HMT major from Ponchatoula, Louisiana. Davis will be playing the cello to "Tarantella". She will graduate next year with a concentration in family and consumer science and plans to receive a master's in social work.
- Contestant number eight is Harlie Dominique from Houma, Louisiana. Dominique is in the Louisiana Scholar's College and a pre-med major. She will



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Ruth Fruge pictured center was last year's Lady of the Bracelet. She will pass on the bracelet and title to a new winner this year.

- graduate in spring 2015 and plans on obtaining her master's in orthopedics. She holds the platform of "Adoption: Saving Children from Child Abuse."
- Contestant number nine is Breyona Jones, a freshman biology major and alum from Washington Marion High School in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Jones will be performing a vocal talent. With her two younger sisters as influence, she has chosen her platform focus as "Continuing Education."
- Contestant number 10 is Logan Wallace, a junior health and exercise major from Columbia, Louisiana. Wallace is a member of Phi Mu Fraternity and her platform is "H.E.A.R.T." She plans to obtain a doctorate in physical therapy.



Jacob Labutka
Fashion Columnist

When it comes to fashion, most college students are not purchasing the latest Gucci boots, and, more than likely, aren't modeling Ralph Lauren. Even though most of us could not even buy a pair of socks from Saks, with a little financial awareness and determination, the rest of us can attempt to give those Manhattan models a run for their money.

Whether you desire the latest couture or something from your favorite retailer, the best tactic to use to own the item is patience. Of course, this virtue is not the easiest trait to use at the mall.

However, it is a universal truth that anyone who shops on a budget, but has a passion for fashion can look fabulous if the cardinal rule of shopping is observed: almost all items eventually goes on sale.

This rule is exemplified as one strolls through the coffee-shop lighting of Express. Past the \$20 three percent spandex underwear and \$200 coats, there is a yellow sign named "clearance." This word incites financial peace in any fashion-forward shopper's heart, or at least in his or her checking accounts.

The beautifully fitted \$60 dress shirts have been reduced to less than half the original price while the once \$150 ruby red, short, sleeveless dress is 30 percent off of the clearance price. The choices of stores and clothes that are affordable

A day at the mall with no patience at all

are endless. One only needs to look for the word "clearance." Clearance prices on high end brands like Burberry is likely to still do damage to one's account. Luckily, Express is a good example of this fashionable and money-saving principle. It also happens to be my favorite example.

Unfortunately, there are those times in every shopper's life when patience is impossible due to the fear of an item selling out. This is when you have to make your own sales with the most powerful of magic wands: your cell phone.

There are several coupon applications that you can download on your cell phone that immediately reduce your shopping costs at a variety of stores by merely presenting your cell phone to the cashier. For instance, the application GeoQpons is available for free on iPhone and Android phones, and unfortunately, costs \$2.99 for BlackBerry users like myself. Stores like Old Navy, Pac Sun and Nine West offer coupons for 15-30 percent off your total purchase or 25-75 percent off specific styles.

All in all you have three possibilities, (one or more of which can happen at once): remain patient until the item is cleared by clearance, go sale hunting or once in a while, splurge on an item and go broke by paying the full price.

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Members of Theta Chi Fraternity are looking to add new members during this spring's recruitment period.

NSU Greek recruitment springs back into action

Membrie Gibbons
Staff Reporter

It's that time of year again, as the chaos of classes begins, and the Northwestern State campus comes to life, talk of spring recruitment starts to buzz. Some may ask, what is spring recruitment?

Spring recruitment is when the sororities and fraternities on campus that belong to either the PanHellenic or Inter-fraternity councils seek to expand their numbers.

Spring recruitment started Monday, Jan 9 and will last for the next six to eight weeks.

Jackson McNeal, a senior, pre-physical therapy major and the assistant recruitment chair for Theta Chi fraternity, explained the recruitment process for both the spring and fall semesters.

"During the spring semester, both sororities and fraternities conduct recruitment very loosely compared to the fall semester. Dur-

ing the spring semester, fraternities and sororities present informationals and open houses for the students to attend freely.

"During the fall semester recruitment, things are conducted in a formal manner. Students who are interested in joining one of the many fraternities or sororities on campus are required to visit a certain number of houses during the fall and a mutual selection process occurs," McNeal added.

McNeal explained that in the spring, the process is far less structured, with sororities and fraternities handing out offers of membership or 'bids' early, without attendance to recruitment events.

The Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority handed out a number of early bids the first day of classes for the spring semester, with Phi Mu following closely behind; they handed out bids last Wednesday.

Aside from the differences between spring and fall recruitment, there are also differences in how the

fraternities and sororities conduct their recruitments individually.

Natalie Laurence, the director NSU of Greek life said, "the sororities have a 'cap' or 'campus total' on how many members they can have. Fraternities on the other hand, are not limited in their number of members."

McNeal elaborated on the sorority and fraternity recruitment guidelines saying, "Sororities tend to entertain their visiting potential, new members while fraternities typically give informational presentations. Sororities have stricter guidelines than we do, such as bid handout dates."

Any students interested in joining one of the sororities or fraternities on campus should visit the Greek Life Office in Student Union Room 214, or speak with current members of the sororities and fraternities here at NSU for necessary information and dates.

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Rants: Surfing in class

Tom H. Lawler
Opinions columnist



I just finished reading a chapter in one of my textbooks and completing the corresponding activity. However, I was wearing only my unmentionables and I was not in Kyser (needless to say). I was about 150 miles from Natchitoches in the comfort and rent-free environment of my home.

I am not sure of how many other universities in Louisiana offer courses on the internet, but Northwestern State seems to be the leader in this educational medium. Heck, they have entire degrees online! There are three associate degrees, ten bachelor degrees and 15 master degrees (plus one specialist degree.)

I have taken online classes before—maybe one a semester or over the summer—yet I have never taken an entire semester online before. So far, I have mixed emotions.

I enjoy the opportunity to be wherever I please and to conduct my academic affairs. As something of a globetrotter, these e-classes give me more freedom to travel and study at my own discretion.

This not only allows me more time to travel, but to seek employment in a town that is larger than Natchitoches, where work is more abundant. It is liberating; I feel like a University of Phoenix commercial.

While the independence is exciting, I still bear some nostalgia. I cannot hear my hums echoing in the Kyser stairwells, walk down Rue Cypress on my way home, lose my money in the pub or even eat a

tasty meat pie in Vic's.

So if you are planning to do as I have done, be warned. You will sacrifice that 318 charm for more independence.

That all being said, can the virtual classroom replace the physical classroom? I say yes.

I call upon Harold Rheingold, who has written extensively about virtual communities.

"Virtual communities are places where people meet, and they also are tools" (The Virtual Community, Rheingold).

Consider this quote and then the students in the class who use discussion boards and other functions of Moodle to learn. Since we cannot be face to face, the only way we interact (on the discussion boards) is one of many ways we can learn. Neat.

Also, I do not have to stare at the back of your head for sixteen weeks

now. Also neat.

However, it has been my experience that not all virtual classrooms are created equally. My advice: take an online class with a professor who is physically on the main campus.

Shout out time: Dr. Hare's History 3100 course is a fine example of this. It is comprised of online quizzes and compressed video and audio formats. It is far more stimulating than filling out a worksheet twice a week and saying you "know" physics or something to that effect.

In summation, dear reader, I have high hopes that this semester will be liberating. Perhaps this will be a trend in academia for some time. I can only throw more support into the experiment of totally online semesters. Wish me luck, and Godspeed to yourselves this semester.

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- Current Sauce staff

The decline of the American politician

Catherine Beverly
Opinions editor



As a college student who only recently became involved in politics, I am surprised by what I see from the potential leaders of this country.

When I picture a leader of the United States, I see a person who is an intellectual. Although I know this is unlikely, I had hoped I would be closer to the mark rather than farther.

During the recent debates, some of the candidates have shown their lack of preparedness and understanding of the politics of America.

While I consider myself to be fairly undereducated when it comes to politics, I have a basic understanding of the state of world politics.

Two recent examples of the decline of the American politician come from two 2012 presidential candidates: Herman Cain and Rick Perry (not that either one of these men were leading in the polls).

Not only did Herman Cain question the interview about President Obama's actions in Libya, he also claims he misspoke in regards to his denial of China's nuclear capabilities.

This example, along with a few other instances, Cain has gained a reputation as someone who was not very knowledgeable in recent events in politics.

I learned of these events from my daily reading of *Yahoo! News*. As much as I sympathize with the pressure he is under, I also realize that this man was attempting to lead a nation of approximately 312 million people.

He should be able to act exceptionally well under pressure and should definitely be able to recall basic facts regarding recent political situations.

Rick Perry on the other hand did not seem to have a very good grasp on his own political strategy. In a now infamous November debate, he could not recall the last of the three government agencies he planned to eliminate if he became president.

This mistake could be reduced to simple human error, but I expect more from a person who may be representing me as an American in the future. I expect more of the president, even of the presidential candidates, than I do from the average American on the street.

While charisma is important in a president, it is too much to ask to have a person capable of remembering his or her own lines (because no political candidates seem to speak for themselves anymore)?

It is easy to see a decline in the American educational system, but I would have hoped that this did not apply to politicians that plan to run for high office positions as well.

Maybe one day the American population will finally see that political reform can only come about when there are intelligent people in charge of this country.

All of this change begins in public school, but that is an entirely different article.



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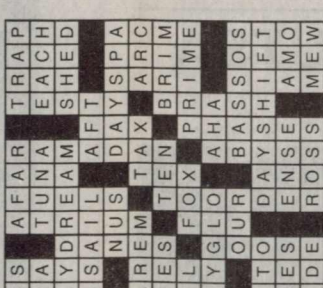
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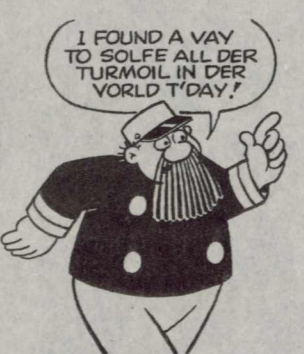
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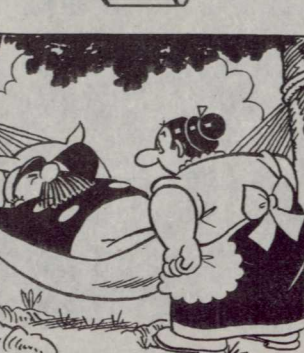
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Colin Bear swings for the fences in Southland Conference game against Southeastern Louisiana University.

Bear develops into star player

Shana Lee
Sauce Reporter

Colin Bear, a Houston, Texas native, has had an exceptional baseball career at Northwestern State University.

Bear, a left-handed pitcher and designated hitter, has been an asset to the Demon baseball team.

When Colin was in his junior year at Saint Thompson High School, several colleges began showing interest in his baseball abilities. This is when Colin knew he had a desire to play baseball at the collegiate level. As a child, Bear loved watching baseball on television.

When his parents encouraged him to try and play, he was all for it and began by playing t-ball at the young age of four and continued through high school. Despite his love for baseball, Bear never imagined his baseball career would go so far.

"I would have never thought a few years later I would be playing the game I love at college," said Bear.

He decided to attend Northwestern State University when he got a call from Coach Davis his junior year of

high school.

"When I came on my visit I really liked the coaching staff and the team. I talked to my parents and we decided this was the best place for me."

Coming to Northwestern has given Bear many memories and opportunities he needed to have a successful baseball career.

"My favorite memory from my career at NSU would be playing left field and beating LSU in Baton Rouge," Bear said.

Any student athlete will tell you how much advice everyone has for you, but every now and then you get something that really sticks with you.

For Bear, the best advice he has received was to pursue his own dreams and never give up.

Now that his collegiate career is almost over, he said he hopes to keep playing baseball after college. It has been a lifelong dream of his to play professional baseball.

Most student-athletes would agree that the four years spent with a team would impact their life forever. They have created friends that become like family and memories that will last a lifetime.

"Coach Davis has pushed me

to be the best player I can be.

Throughout the years all the instructions and advice has helped me grow into the player I am today. Playing with these groups of guys has been a great experience and taught me a lot of things about baseball and life in general." Will Watson, Colin's teammate explained how wonderful of a role model he is for everyone.

"Colin has led the team in scoring, and we expect him to have a great senior year," Watson said.

With the support from the community, teammates and coaching staff, he is expected to have a memorable senior year with the Demon baseball team.

Bear, who is majoring in industrial engineering technology, said he tries to live by the motto "live everyday like it is your last." Along with All-Louisiana baseball honors, Bear led the team with a .340 batting average, five homeruns and 41 runs batted in.

Bear was ranked third in the Southland Conference in doubles and led the league with 13 two-baggers in league games only and ended the season on a 14-game hitting streak.

NSU softball prepares for season opener at ULM

Courtesy of Sports Info

After reaching the conference tournament for the first time in five years, the Northwestern State softball program will look to continue its success against 2012 opponents as it released its full season schedule.

The Lady Demons will participate in four challenging non-conference tournaments, and will play a high-light double-header against Baylor who finished third in the College World Series last season.

"This is the toughest non-conference schedule we've had since I've been here," said head coach Donald Pickett, who enters his fourth season at the helm. "Our program has gotten stronger and stronger every year, and our non-conference schedule reflects that."

NSU will kick off the season at Monroe, La. for the ULM Mardi Gras Classic. It will square off against SIU-Edwardsville, ULM, IUPUI, Southeast Missouri State and Grambling.

The Lady Demons will then travel to Lafayette, La. for the Mardi Gras Invitational against La. Tech, UNC, ULL, UTEP and Northwestern University.

To close out February, NSU will take part in the Arkansas Fastpitch Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark.

"Playing a SEC team, at their place, will definitely be a good, early test for us," Pickett said. "We are looking forward to getting that op-



Photo by Gary Hardamon

The Lady Demon softball team enters this season under the direction of head coach Donald Pickett for the fourth season.

portunity to play against them."

The Lady Demons will play their home opener on March 3 against ULM in one of four games at the Northwestern State Demons Invitational. They will also play host to Southern, before travelling to Baton Rouge for a rematch doubleheader on March 7.

Other non-conference matchups include contests against future SLC member Houston Baptist (Feb. 29), and Houston (March 14). The Cougars qualified as a super-regional team last season, and had a chance to get in the College World Series.

"Overall, our schedule is filled with quality opponents and early tests, and that should get us prepared for our conference season," Pickett

said. "Tougher competition is only going to make us better as a team in the end."

NSU will then open conference play on the road against Sam Houston State in a three-game series starting on March 9. The conference schedule this season has been reduced to just 20 games, as opposed to 30 that have traditionally been played.

"That just makes each game mean so much more," Pickett said, on the 20 game schedule.

The Lady Demons will play home conference series against TAMUCC (March 16-17), McNeese State (March 23-24), Stephen F. Austin (April 6-7), Southeastern La. (April 24) and Texas State (April 27-28).

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-The Current Sauce staff

Demons look for redemption against UTSA

Jimmie Walker
Editor-in-Chief

The Demon basketball team looks to heal wounds in tonight's game against the defending Southland Conference Tournament champions, University of Texas at San Antonio.

NSU (2-1) is coming off of a 77-73 home-loss to the University of Central Arkansas which showcased an uninspired second-half performance that allowed the Bears to claw their way back from a 17-point deficit.

Demon basketball head coach Michael McConathy said it was frustrating to see the lead diminish, but the team was able to work against a zone defensive team.

"It's a disappointing outcome, losing at home. Now we have to go on the road and steal one someplace," McConathy said.

The Roadrunners are 2-1 in SLC play, having lost a game to Corpus Christi last Wednesday.

Senior Demon guard Shamir Davis said it comes down to how well the team prepares during the practices. The team's bench performance was unusually low last game, and that will have to change for the Demons to earn a win against the Roadrunners.

UTSA is a team that utilizes a 1-1-3 zone defense, something that



Photo by Gary Hardamon

William Mosley skys to reject the potential UCA scorer. He had seven blocks for the game. The Demons lost 77-73.

has been hard for the Demons to overcome in the past.

"A lot of teams throw zone defenses at us," junior forward James Hulbin said. "They all figure that's our weakness and it becomes especially hard to overcome when shots aren't falling."

NSU shot just 35 percent from the floor in the second half of Saturday's game against UCA thanks to the defensive switch to

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SGA prepares for new semester

Jarred Roberts
News Co-Editor

Zech Jones, SGA speaker of the house took attendance as the second SGA meeting went underway 7 p.m. Monday in the President's Room of the Student Union.

For about an hour, SGA reviewed their agenda for the week. Despite meeting several times a month, every meeting has many topics to discuss. Topics that were discussed included: Up 'Til Dawn, club sports, new SGA members, the budget and more. A handful of these topics were just reminders of upcoming events or things that needed to be done.

SGA members voted on the admittance of four new members. Each prospective member had to present themselves to the association and explain why they wanted to join, what they would bring to SGA and answer any questions asked by current members.

Vice President Jake Funderburk, a political science major asked the prospective members which department they felt they were best equipped since he is responsible for placing senators into the different departments.

Since Funderburk's department was cut, he joined SGA so that he could have a voice and to help other students avoid similar situations. He intends to increase the amount of attention given to satellite campuses because he believes that they have been neglected in previous years.

After a questioning session with the SGA members, the four prospective members were asked to leave the room so that the voting could commence. All of the votes were in favor of the prospective members interested in joining the association.

The new members are: LaMario Fortson, Ethan Hayes from the Scholar's college, and the remaining two, Ashley Haynes and Derrick Houston, are previous members

who are returning to the SGA ranks.

Mathew Morrison, SGA treasurer proposed the budget. Morrison is in his eighth semester with SGA. Before Morrison was treasurer, he was elected as senator and speaker of the house.

While there were quite a few questions asked to the new SGA members in the program, there were far more questions and comments about the new budget. These students are serious about shaping what happens on campus, but try not to let the responsibilities stress them out. Throughout the budget debate and the rest of the meeting, the members were able to share laughter, and the entire scene resembles a friendlier warmer version of C-SPAN.

Tara Luck, SGA president for three years, is responsible for meeting with the faculty and presenting new bills, proposals, budgets and making sure the students' concerns are voiced.

The budget passed and Luck adjourned the meeting.



SGA meets every Monday at 7 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Union.
photo by: Jarred Roberts/News Editor

Bernhard construction helps NSU with renovations

J.C. Bryant
Staff Reporter

In an effort to conserve energy, NSU is undergoing renovations that will make the buildings more efficient and modern.

This renovation project began in July 2011 and completion is expected this spring.

This process requires removal of

the university's high pressure steam distribution lines to be replaced with more than 9,000 feet of carbon steel welded pipe.

Selected for the job was Bernhard, a full-service mechanical contractor since 1919, which specializes in heating, ventilation, air conditioning and plumbing services.

Over the past 10 years, they have completed nearly 160 mechanical installations and upgrades for the

majority of Louisiana's universities and colleges, including projects on campus such as Iberville Dining Hall and A.A. Fredricks Auditorium.

Dwayne Broussard, project manager for the NSU contracts, shared that the construction included much more than just an upgraded mechanical system.

"The Beauregard Hall renovation should give the campus the ability to draw students because of its up-to-

date technology and design. Ellender Hall was a project that took a lot of planning and scheduling because we only had six weeks to complete it in order for the Manning Camp students to be able to use the facility. It was a high profile project and with the help of NSC, the engineering team and a number of good, hard working people, this job was completed on time and the students were able to sleep in a nice, comfortable

building during their stay at NSU," Broussard said.

There are three separate projects Bernhard has been working on, all with separate budgets: Beauregard Hall Renovation (budgeted at \$4.25 million), Peciolla Hall (budgeted at \$150,000) and Ellender Hall HVAC Upgrade (budgeted at \$1.1 million).

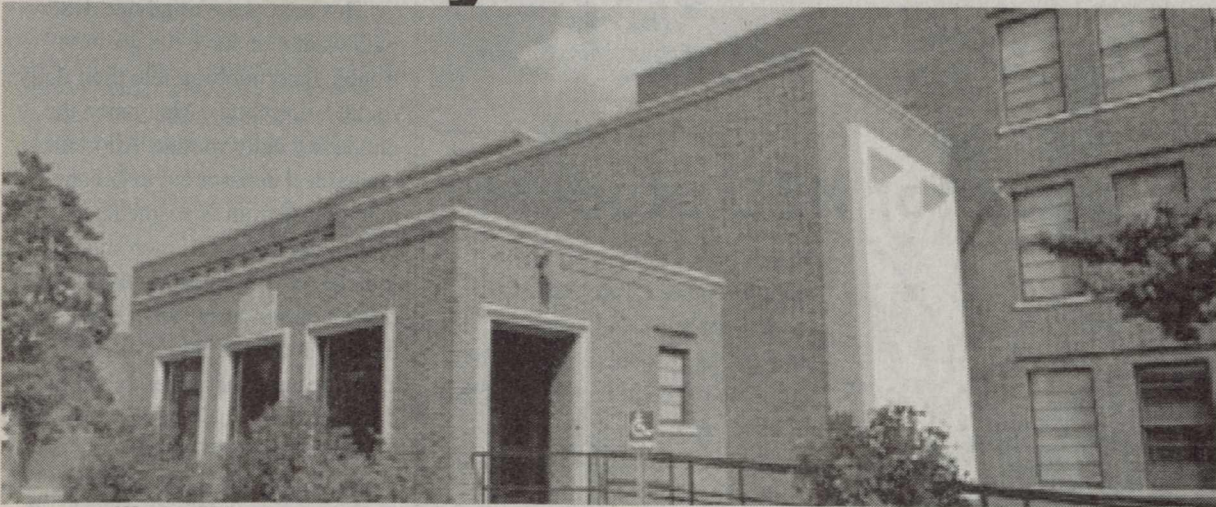
Broussard added that these jobs were considered small to medium, as Bernhard has installed projects as large as \$15 million to \$30 million.

Students have already begun to see the positive effect renovation has on the university.

"It's encouraging to see our school making efforts to stay up-to-date in all its departments," Luke Teutsch said.

Northwestern State University has had quite a history with Bernhard, and NSU will continue to see Bernhard carry out quality projects across the campus and the state of Louisiana in the future.

University to host Louisiana Thespian Festival



Theatre West will host events in the Louisiana Thespian Festival.

Courtesy of News Bureau:

Northwestern State University hosts the 2012 Louisiana Thespian Festival Jan. 27-28, in the A.A. Fredericks Center for Creative and Performing Arts. Approximately 600 junior high and high school students from throughout Louisiana will participate in workshops and performances and audition for college scholarships.

"This year's festival is a collaboration of the student's hard work and dedication to theatre," said Louisiana Thespian Festival chair, Kerry A. Onxley. "The very best of theatre

work is displayed at this festival."

Northwestern Theatre and Dance faculty, staff and students will be involved in the festival, conducting workshops and auditions and overseeing logistics for the event.

"The Louisiana Thespian Festival attracts the best theatre students in the state and we are glad they chose to have the event at Northwestern State," said Scott Burrell, coordinator of Theatre and Dance at Northwestern State. "We know a number of these students from past festivals. This is a great opportunity for us to showcase our program."

During the weekend theatre celebration, students participate in

workshops on acting, Shakespeare, improvisations, voice, musical theatre, dance, stage combat, makeup, costumes, lighting and more. The festival concludes with performances of some of the best acts presented during the weekend.

The festival is presented by the Louisiana Thespians Society, a component of the international Educational Theatre Association (EdTA). The Louisiana Thespian Society exists as a non-profit theatre service organization for junior high and high school theatre programs. Membership includes junior and high school students, theatre teachers and art advocates.

NSU Police Blotter

Reports from the NSU police station from Jan 16-22

Jan. 16
7:24 p.m. - Student injured at Theater West

7:40 p.m. - Hazardous area of CAPA roped off until repairs

Jan. 17
11:38 a.m. - Disturbance reported at UP2

Jan. 18
1:10 a.m. - Loud music reported at UP1

12:36 p.m. - Collision at Watson

5:37 p.m. - Skateboarders seen at UP1, advised to stop their actions and leave

Jan. 19
1:30 p.m. - Skateboarders observed, advised them to stop

11:27 p.m. - Student observed walking pitbull on campus, advised student to leave campus

Jan. 21
2:02 a.m. - police requested at Kappa Sig house

Jan. 22
10:58 p.m. - Loud noise reported in Varnado

National News

Popular file hosting site Megaupload shut down: Last Thursday the file hosting site Megaupload.com was taken down by the U.S. Government. Recently ranking 13th on the most visited sites, Megaupload was brought down for the massive amounts of copyrighted material that it hosted.

Dentist pleads guilty to using paper clips: A former dentist in Massachusetts pleaded guilty to using paperclips for root canals instead of stainless steel posts in order to save money. The cheap material can cause pain and infection.

Utah study shows proof of Facebook depression: A study from Utah Valley University polled 425 students. Those that spent more time on Facebook were also more likely to confess that they thought other people had better lives than they did.

Illinois man calls 9-1-1 to pick a fight: John R. Pacella called police at 4 a.m. requesting police so he could fight them. When the police arrived he became violent and was arrested. His bail is \$100,000.

New Jersey synagogues attacked by local: Held at \$5 million bail for several attempted murder charges and arson, 19 year-old Anthony Graziano threw Molotov cocktails at two synagogues on Jan. 3 and Jan. 11.

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Pursuing the crown: Hope McFarland looks to win another title

Alexis Reliford
Staff Reporter

Behind the formal dresses, make-up and bright smile is a small-town girl with big dreams and a love for children.

From Keithville, LA, Hope McFarland is the 2011-2012 Miss Black and Gold winner and will represent the Theta Chi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated as their "Queen of Pyramids" at the district pageant competition.

"I love getting ready, all of the outfits and prepping," she said.

McFarland started participating in pageants at the age of 13 under the influence of her father, and is full of experience. She previously competed in the Miss Teen Louisiana and Miss Festival City pageants and also placed second runner-up in NSU's Lady of the Bracelet Pageant last year. More recently, McFarland became Miss Heart of Cajunland this past Sunday.

"I used to be really shy, but now I don't get stage fright at all," McFarland said.

McFarland's favorite part of the pageant is the talent portion, and for her talent she plays classical music on her violin.

The senior early childhood

education major grew up on a farm, is the second of four, and the only female of her siblings. After receiving her bachelor's degree, she'd like to begin teaching and later return to get her master's degree. Although her dream is to eventually open her own child development center, she won't be giving up on her big pageant dreams anytime soon.

"I would love to be Miss America one day, but I'll try Miss Louisiana first," she said.

Her hobbies include community service, working out, shopping and enjoying the great outdoors. McFarland is currently president of the Iota Mu chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and is also a member of both the Blue Key and Kappa Delta Pi Honor Societies. Previously, she performed in the Northwestern Symphony Orchestra and was involved with the Demon radio station, KNWD. McFarland was also a member of the 2011 Homecoming Honor Court.

McFarland will compete for the district title of Miss Black and Gold on Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Sai Convention Center in Alexandria, LA.

If McFarland wins the district title, she will compete for the regional title in Arkansas.



McFarland flanked by members of the Theta Chi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc after being crowned the 2011-2012 Miss Black and Gold.

Submitted Photo



Jacob Labutka
Fashion Columnist

Closing the gender gap in fashion

As an industry, fashion perpetuates a distinction between the wardrobes and beauty of men and women. In any department store, vendor or Wal-Mart Supercenter, the selection of clothing or cosmetics is segregated into our society's two dominating genders. This segregation makes you believe that everything you need to look and feel chic is within that one department. Is it really socially stigmatizing if I dare to cross the gender divide?

A frequent complaint I hear from many of my girlfriends is that T-shirts "made for women" are often not comfortable, have an awkward fit and the material is often too thin. The men's department has become a haven for women who do not want to be fashionable at the expense of comfort and fit.

For the most part, I have come to realize that most women do not have a problem shopping outside their traditional department. The tougher nut to crack are the breed of shoppers who dare not cross the border into foreign departments: the stubborn male shopper.

I'm not entirely attempting to overthrow the use of the men's department by men. There are merely some men, like myself, who do not have the typical body frame to fit clothes in the men's department.

Although seemingly blasphemous to the male order, there is nothing inherently wrong with a guy who doesn't fit into the traditional men's boot cut and straight leg styles, buying a pair of girl's jeans. Many stores like Buckle sell both men's and women's jeans in sizes that are measured by the waist and inseam.

This next piece of advice deals with what men have the greatest trouble incorporating into their daily routine: cosmetics. Many men do not have a daily routine. All in all, the hardest department to get any man to buy from is cosmetics.

I'm not saying all men should look like a drag queen in the Castro district of San Francisco. However, there is nothing effeminate about a man using moisturizer to combat dry skin and using bit of Biosilk in his hair after washing it.

I will even go so far as to say that some makeup is not bad for guys to use on a daily basis. We are not all blessed with an even skin tone and applying foundation, at the very least, is a good remedy for that.

I salute the man who dares to go beyond and also use primer and concealer. But when applying anything, always remember that to give yourself a natural look, less is more.

I challenge everyone not to shop solely based on what stores tell you is "masculine" or "feminine." Rather, make purchases that make you look and feel the most fabulous regardless of the department.



Singer/Songwriter Scott Porter hopes to perform more of his music at NSU in the future.

Submitted Photo

Musician Scott Porter visits NSU Leesville campus

Sarah Hale
Staff Reporter

Scott Porter, 23-year-old, singer and songwriter welcomed students as they poured into the NSU Leesville campus lounge for his performance last Wednesday.

Porter is a self-taught acoustic/rock artist from St. Louis, Missouri. He has performed at various venues, including the Halo Bar and The Duck Room in Blueberry Hill.

"I feel like the luckiest guy in the world because I get paid to travel the world and play guitar. I grew up playing sports, but after a while my interest in music sort of overshadowed my interest in sports. Eventually I gave up basketball for music," Porter said.

Influenced by music from artists John Mayer and The Zac Brown Band, Porter has written and performed several of his own songs. Songs from his latest album "Closer," include "Up To You" and "Barely Breathing."

"Out of the songs on my album 'Closer', 'Barely Breathing' is the one with the highest download rate on iTunes," Porter said.

Porter also performed a few new songs, including "Watch the Sunset" and "More Than Amazing." He hopes to make a new album sometime this summer.

During Porter's performance of The Jackson 5 song "I Want You

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Coffeehouse looks to provide nearby social place for NSU students

Memrie Gibbins
Staff Reporter

A new coffeehouse is in the brew for NSU.

Co-owners Kim Craig and Erin Austin will open The Steamin' Demon Coffeehouse and Roaster early February across campus on University Parkway.

Craig and Austin thought their new business venture was necessary for a college town.

"Students need a place to gather and socialize and to get good coffee for a reasonable price," Craig said.

The owners' memories of kicking back at a local coffeehouse during their college days motivated them to give other students the same experience.

"We remember coming here and hanging out at PJ's when we were in college at Northwestern and what a good experience it was," Craig



In early Feb., The Steamin' Demon will open across from NSU. The owners hope it will provide a place for students to enjoy beverages and socialize.

Submitted photo

said. Kyle Crawford, a junior musical theatre major looks forward to checking out the new spot in town.

"I'm really excited about it. I love coffeehouses. I will probably be spending a lot of time there. As long as they have lattes and

cappuccinos, I'll be happy," Crawford said.

Jonathan Bordelon, a junior computer information systems

major, hopes to see a variety of options on the menu.

"I want to see the usual coffeehouse products. I would like all of the different flavors and types of beverages, as well as scones, bagels and pastries," Bordelon said.

The Steamin' Demon Coffeehouse and Roaster will offer everything from pastries and breakfast foods to espresso and fountain drinks.

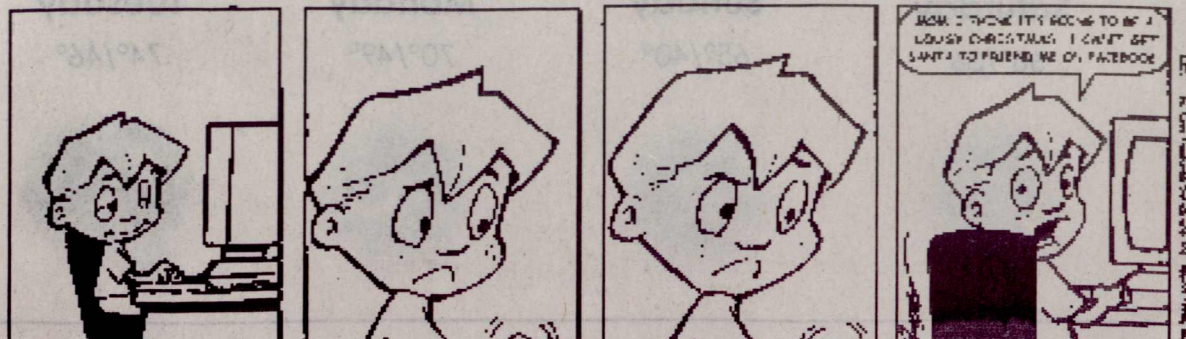
There will be study and meeting rooms where students can meet. The owners plan to support local talent by hosting open mic nights, live entertainment and art displays.

"Our basic policy will be as long as people are fair to us, we'll be fair to them," Austin said.

The drive-thru will open from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday. The lobby will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Amber Waves

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Rants: Restricting the 'Wild, Wild Net'



Tom H. Lawler
Opinions
Columnist

Dear reader, as a fellow student I am sure you were aware of and gravely affected by the internet blackout last Wednesday.

From what I understand, it was in protest of two bills in legislature right now: SOPA and PIPA.

I am just glad that Facebook was not shut down. Not because I need to tell everyone that I am bored and writing my opinion column, but because what would happen if a billion people could not? Chaos, that's what!

According to news sources, the bills are designed to protect creators and inventors from copyright transgressions and intellectual piracy online. Those opposed to these bills argue that it restricts free speech on the web.

Admittedly, I am only choosing to write about this because it is a big deal and because I wrote about online matters in the previous week. While this issue is still developing, here are my contemplations thus far. I read somewhere (I can't recollect where) that the internet is one of the greatest experiments of anarchy in the world.

Consider this: you are watching Rebecca Black's "Friday" on YouTube and you shout (the original ALL CAPS) the first 20 comments in public. At the very least, you would be fined a hefty sum for public indecency.

Yet other activities (such as:

viewing pornography; selling controlled substances [weapons, alcohol, etc.]; slandering an individual; 'borrowing' music and videos) are much easier to do online, if not more permissible, too.

That is, as long as you can tick a box or enter the funky looking words correctly. That proves you're 18, right?

The internet is essentially a frontier, vast and void of most regulations found in the physical world. It is the "Wild, Wild 'Net."

So what is the harm in protecting what people create online? As a writer, I value free speech, but free speech does not permit me to publish Mark Twain, Kanye West, or anyone else's works and call those works my own.

In the physical world, we have (mostly) free speech (I have talked about this last semester.) However, in the virtual world, it seems that we do have completely free speech.

I am not sure what the fuss is all about. I know I do not want my articles to be republished as someone else's and these are just the lowly opinion articles of some student.

What I am failing to understand here how protecting online copyrights restricts my virtual free speech? I do not think that it does.

Take a look at the first line of SOPA: "Nothing in this Act shall be construed to impose a prior restraint on free speech or the press protected under the First Amendment to the Constitution." (SOPA 2012)

If you have a firm grasp on this subject or if you disagree with me, feel free to comment on the Current Sauce's online publication or to submit an article.

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Volunteering: Help others, help yourself

Catherine Beverly
Opinions Editor



Something I have always found astonishing about our generation is the utter lack of involvement. Now I am not referring to entertainment (such as sports or television), but I am focused solely on the community service side of involvement.

This involvement involves participating in politics on a local and national scale, being an informed citizen, supporting local arts in your community, and even doing something as simple as, say, reading an editorial in the Current Sauce.

It may come as a surprise to some, but these articles are attempts to reach out to the student body and make them *care* about something—anything.

In an attempt to make my point connect, I will reference a song readers may recognize: "You gotta get it right while you got the time, 'cause when you close your heart, you close your mind." Michael Jackson sang these lyrics in 1988, and they still ring true today.

The town of Natchitoches is below the state poverty level. According to city-data.com, statistics show that 30 percent of Natchitoches residents are below the poverty level, and 86 percent of these cases involve families in single-parent homes.

Nothing will ever be quite right about a community that closes its heart to those citizens who need a helping hand. While it may seem easier to sit back and watch the

world spinning around you, it is not particularly fulfilling.

Some of the most moving moments of my life have been the result of something I did to help someone else. Volunteering at the organization "Big Brothers, Big Sisters" let me see many children find their escapes from sometimes brutal home lives while the organization "Habitat for Humanity" provided me with a way to better my community and help families in need.

According to bls.gov, 1,000 fewer people volunteered in 2010 than they did in the previous year. While this may not seem like a huge drop, it is drastic when you consider the homes that were not built as quickly, the children who were left with no role models or the animals that sat alone in their kennels.

Volunteering does not take much time out of your schedule. As few as three or four hours every weekend is enough to make a person's (or an animal's) life happier and healthier.

Imagine what volunteering could do for someone else. And you thought you needed a college degree to change the world. Next time you are sitting alone in your dorm room, bored, think about how much better the community.

Some good places to start volunteering are: local veterinary clinics, shelters, on-campus clubs and organizations or at www.dosomething.org. "Do Something" gives people the chance to start up their own volunteering organization with nation-wide support, and it could be an opportunity to create start-up grants and scholarships.

But remember: in order to change the world, you have to start with what you see in the mirror.

Strange BUT TRUE

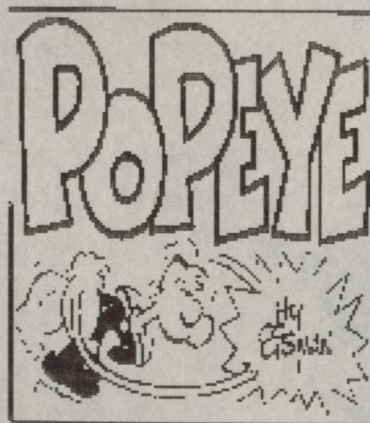
By Samantha Weaver

• It was American ventriloquist and comedian Willie Tyler who made the following sage observation: "The reason lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place is that the same place isn't there the second time."

• Even flight attendants have their own patron saint, as declared by Pope Paul XXIII in 1962: Saint Bona of Pisa.

• Many people believe that the Gutenberg Bible, which came from the presses of Johannes Gutenberg in the 1450s, is the first example of a printed book, but that's not true; it's the first book printed using movable type. The oldest known printed book is actually the "Diamond Sutra," which was printed in China more than 550 years before the Gutenberg Bible.

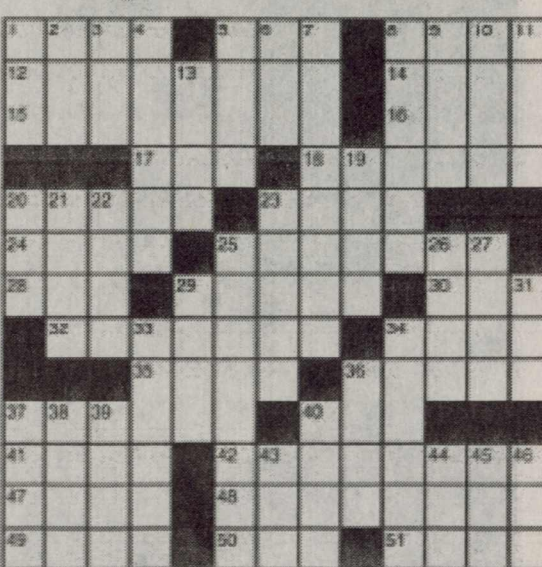
• In many Middle Eastern cultures, it is traditional to celebrate a wedding with five events. The first is the engagement party, during which the bride-to-be changes clothes several times. When the bride and groom sign the marriage contract there is another party, again with numerous changes of clothing by the bride. The day before the wedding there is a henna party, during which the bride and others are painted with elaborate designs that are thought to ward off evil spirits. The reception takes place after the wedding, and guests are often given five almond pieces, each piece symbolizing one of the sacred wedding wishes: health, happiness, wealth, longevity and fertility. Seven days after the wedding is the final celebratory event, known as sabaa, which is for women only and is analogous to the wedding shower we have in the West.



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- 1 Rock Band's equipment
- 5 One of the Seven Dwarfs
- 8 Mr. Astaire
- 12 Ladyfingers dessert
- 14 Of planes and such
- 15 Huge
- 16 Bowling alley
- 17 Roman X
- 18 Aide
- 20 Extinct birds
- 23 Faction
- 24 Culture medium
- 25 Articulate
- 26 Morning moisture
- 29 Mel who voiced Bugs Bunny
- 30 Shock and
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Last-second three lifts Demons past scrappy McNeese Cowboys

Courtesy of Sports Info:

James Hulbin's game-winning tip at the buzzer didn't count. Thanks to Shamir Davis' subsequent 3-pointer at the buzzer, it didn't matter, as Northwestern State escaped with a 64-61 Southland Conference basketball win Saturday at McNeese State.

Hulbin tipped in what would have been a game-winner, but an obvious, and ultimately ruled inadvertent, whistle by a game official negated the basket. After three looks at the review monitor, officials gave NSU the ball underneath the Demons' basket with 1.2 seconds put back on the clock.

Louis Ellis tried to inbound the ball, but called timeout when he didn't find an open teammate. After going to their bench, NSU came out with a different plan as Ellis looked into the near corner, where Davis cut off a pair of picks by Gary Stewart and William Mosley, took the inbounds pass and drained a 3-pointer in front of the Demons bench to win the see-saw game.

"They had the middle jammed up and we couldn't get the entry pass, so we called time out and (assistant) coach (Bill) Lewit drew up a play with a pick, and Shamir rubbed off it perfectly and knocked down the shot," said Mike McConathy, the Demons' 13th-year coach.

Northwestern (10-9 overall, 3-2 in the Southland) led by 14 in each half, but McNeese rallied to open a 59-53 lead with 6:08 remaining. In a two-minute span, Mosley scored the last six of his team-high 16 points on a short jumper, two free throws and a transition dunk after rebounding at the other end to tie the game 59-59 with two minutes left.



The Demons beat McNeese 64-61. The team returns home tonight against Lamar University.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

McNeese (7-10, 3-2) went up on a Patrick Richard basket, but Davis hit a driving layup with 1:15 to go to tie it at 61- all. Richard drove the lane with 40 seconds left but NSU forced McNeese's 24th turnover, knocking the ball out of bounds and giving the visitors the ball with a last-second chance to win.

Mosley had 6 rebounds, with the

third making him only the third player in school history to snag 1,000 in a career. He added 4 steals and 3 blocks while going 6-6 from the floor. Davis finished with 13 points while Ellis had 10.

Richard led all scorers with 28, 19 while leading McNeese's second-half rally. The Demons gathered themselves to recover down

the stretch, outscoring the Cowboys 11-2 over the final four minutes.

"We got some stops defensively, and were able to get some transition baskets out of our defense. We also got the ball entered inside to Mosley after not doing that for most of the second half," said McConathy. "He wants the ball now. He's our yeoman. Part of the problem against

zones is we're not getting it into him. When we did today we were a better team."

The outcome snapped a two-game skid by the Demons heading into a pair of home games next Wednesday night against Lamar and next Saturday against Southeastern Louisiana, two East Division foes. NSU moved into a tie for the East Division lead with the win.

"It's big. We go from 2-0 to 2-2, and now we're 3-2 and back on top on our side, after a tough loss at San Antonio and one we let slip away (wasting a 17-point second-half lead against Central Arkansas). It felt like we were on a hump the last few days and now we're on the right side of it," said McConathy.

After seemingly having won the game on Hulbin's tip-in, only to have the officials huddle and repeatedly review the game tape without explaining what they were looking for, McConathy was hopeful but nervous during the stoppage.

"I was hoping for a foul, because he blew the whistle and started to raise his hand. But once they finally sorted out the situation, it came down to making our decision how to score, and our young men had to execute it. Louis Ellis calling time out on our first inbounds attempt was a smart and game-winning play, just like James Hulbin made what should have been a game-winning tip-in that didn't count," said McConathy.

"We lost one in pretty bizarre fashion earlier this year on a banked-in 3-pointer at the buzzer in double overtime up at Louisiana Tech, and we won one in a pretty odd way today," he said. "Our guys showed some toughness in making the plays to win - twice."



Jimmie Walker
Editor-In-Chief

Dynamite: Sending death threats through social media

Social media sites such as Twitter have made the gap between our athletics heroes and the rest of the world as wide as a QWERTY keyboard.

You can literally engage in a conversation with your favorite celebrity in 140 characters or less per tweet. This is especially the case when fans of successful football teams praise players via tweet for their dominance on the field during the playoffs.

Tebow's performance conjured 9,420 tweets per second after he completed the game-winning touchdown pass in overtime against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

49ers receiver Kyle Williams found himself on the opposite spectrum of this social phenomenon. He became an easy target for verbal abuse by angry, heartbroken fans.

Williams became a worldwide trending topic within minutes, as tweets directed toward him became more violent. One twitter user hoped Williams would die in his sleep. Another wished death on him, his wife and kid. Luckily, Williams is not married and doesn't have a kid.

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SGA prepares for new semester

Jarred Roberts
News Co-Editor

Zech Jones, SGA speaker of the house took attendance as the second SGA meeting went underway 7 p.m. Monday in the President's Room of the Student Union.

For about an hour, SGA reviewed their agenda for the week. Despite meeting several times a month, every meeting has many topics to discuss. Topics that were discussed included: Up 'Til Dawn, club sports, new SGA members, the budget and more. A handful of these topics were just reminders of upcoming events or things that needed to be done.

SGA members voted on the admittance of four new members. Each prospective member had to present themselves to the association and explain why they wanted to join, what they would bring to SGA and answer any questions asked by current members.

Vice President Jake Funderburk, a political science major asked the prospective members which department they felt they were best equipped since he is responsible for placing senators into the different departments.

Since Funderburk's department was cut, he joined SGA so that he could have a voice and to help other students avoid similar situations. He intends to increase the amount of attention given to satellite campuses because he believes that they have been neglected in previous years.

After a questioning session with the SGA members, the four prospective members were asked to leave the room so that the voting could commence. All of the votes were in favor of the prospective members interested in joining the association.

The new members are: LaMario Fortson, Ethan Hayes from the Scholar's college, and the remaining two, Ashley Haynes and Derrick Houston, are previous members

who are returning to the SGA ranks.

Mathew Morrison, SGA treasurer proposed the budget. Morrison is in his eighth semester with SGA. Before Morrison was treasurer, he was elected as senator and speaker of the house.

While there were quite a few questions asked to the new SGA members in the program, there were far more questions and comments about the new budget. These students are serious about shaping what happens on campus, but try not to let the responsibilities stress them out. Throughout the budget debate and the rest of the meeting, the members were able to share laughter, and the entire scene resembles a friendlier warmer version of C-SPAN.

Tara Luck, SGA president for three years, is responsible for meeting with the faculty and presenting new bills, proposals, budgets and making sure the students' concerns are voiced.

The budget passed and Luck adjourned the meeting.



SGA meets every Monday at 7 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Union.
photo by: Jarred Roberts/News Editor

Bernhard construction helps NSU with renovations

J.C. Bryant
Staff Reporter

In an effort to conserve energy, NSU is undergoing renovations that will make the buildings more efficient and modern.

This renovation project began in July 2011 and completion is expected this spring.

This process requires removal of

the university's high pressure steam distribution lines to be replaced with more than 9,000 feet of carbon steel welded pipe.

Selected for the job was Bernhard, a full-service mechanical contractor since 1919, which specializes in heating, ventilation, air conditioning and plumbing services.

Over the past 10 years, they have completed nearly 160 mechanical installations and upgrades for the

majority of Louisiana's universities and colleges, including projects on campus such as Iberville Dining Hall and A. A. Fredricks Auditorium.

Dwayne Broussard, project manager for the NSU contracts, shared that the construction included much more than just an upgraded mechanical system.

"The Beauregard Hall renovation should give the campus the ability to draw students because of its up-to-

date technology and design. Ellender Hall was a project that took a lot of planning and scheduling because we only had six weeks to complete it in order for the Manning Camp students to be able to use the facility. It was a high profile project and with the help of NSC, the engineering team and a number of good, hard working people, this job was completed on time and the students were able to sleep in a nice, comfortable

building during their stay at NSU," Broussard said.

There are three separate projects Bernhard has been working on, all with separate budgets: Beauregard Hall Renovation (budgeted at \$4.25 million), Peciolla Hall (budgeted at \$150,000) and Ellender Hall HVAC Upgrade (budgeted at \$1.1 million).

Broussard added that these jobs were considered small to medium, as Bernhard has installed projects as large as \$15 million to \$30 million.

Students have already begun to see the positive effect renovation has on the university.

"It's encouraging to see our school making efforts to stay up-to-date in all its departments," Luke Teutsch said.

Northwestern State University has had quite a history with Bernhard, and NSU will continue to see Bernhard carry out quality projects across the campus and the state of Louisiana in the future.

University to host Louisiana Thespian Festival



Theatre West will host events in the Louisiana Thespian Festival.

Courtesy of News Bureau:

Northwestern State University hosts the 2012 Louisiana Thespian Festival Jan. 27-28, in the A.A. Fredericks Center for Creative and Performing Arts. Approximately 600 junior high and high school students from throughout Louisiana will participate in workshops and performances and audition for college scholarships.

"This year's festival is a collaboration of the student's hard work and dedication to theatre," said Louisiana Thespian Festival chair, Kerry A. Onxley. "The very best of theatre

work is displayed at this festival."

Northwestern Theatre and Dance faculty, staff and students will be involved in the festival, conducting workshops and auditions and overseeing logistics for the event.

"The Louisiana Thespian Festival attracts the best theatre students in the state and we are glad they chose to have the event at Northwestern State," said Scott Burrell, coordinator of Theatre and Dance at Northwestern State. "We know a number of these students from past festivals. This is a great opportunity for us to showcase our program."

During the weekend theatre celebration, students participate in

workshops on acting, Shakespeare, improvisations, voice, musical theatre, dance, stage combat, makeup, costuming, lighting and more. The festival concludes with performances of some of the best acts presented during the weekend.

The festival is presented by the Louisiana Thespians Society, a component of the international Educational Theatre Association (EdTA). The Louisiana Thespian Society exists as a non-profit theatre service organization for junior high and high school theatre programs. Membership includes junior and high school students, theatre teachers and art advocates.

NSU Police Blotter

Reports from the NSU police station from Jan 16-22

Jan. 16
7:24 p.m. - Student injured at Theater West
7:40 p.m. - Hazardous area of CAPA roped off until repairs

Jan. 17
11:38 a.m. - Disturbance reported at UP2

Jan. 18
1:10 a.m. - Loud music reported at UP1

12:36 p.m. - Collision at Watson

5:37 p.m. - Skateboarders seen at UP1, advised to stop their actions and leave

Jan. 19
1:30 p.m. - Skateboarders observed, advised them to stop

11:27 p.m. - Student observed walking pitbull on campus, advised student to leave campus

Jan. 21
2:02 a.m. - police requested at Kappa Sig house

Jan. 22
10:58 p.m. - Loud noise reported in Varnado

National News

Popular file hosting site Megaupload shut down: Last Thursday the file hosting site Megaupload.com was taken down by the U.S. Government. Recently ranking 13th on the most visited sites, Megaupload was brought down for the massive amounts of copyrighted material that it hosted.







Dentist pleads guilty to using paper clips: A former dentist in Massachusetts pleaded guilty to using paperclips for root canals instead of stainless steel posts in order to save money. The cheap material can cause pain and infection.

Utah study shows proof of Facebook depression: A study from Utah Valley University polled 425 students. Those that spent more time on Facebook were also more likely to confess that they thought other people had better lives than they did.

Illinois man calls 9-1-1 to pick a fight: John R. Pacella called police at 4 a.m. requesting police so he could fight them. When the police arrived he became violent and was arrested. His bail is \$100,000.

New Jersey synagogues attacked by local: Held at \$5 million bail for several attempted murder charges and arson, 19 year-old Anthony Graziano threw Molotov cocktails at two synagogues on Jan. 3 and Jan. 11.

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Pursuing the crown: Hope McFarland looks to win another title

Alexis Reliford
Staff Reporter

Behind the formal dresses, make-up and bright smile is a small-town girl with big dreams and a love for children.

From Keithville, LA, Hope McFarland is the 2011-2012 Miss Black and Gold winner and will represent the Theta Chi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated as their "Queen of Pyramids" at the district pageant competition.

"I love getting ready, all of the outfits and prepping," she said.

McFarland started participating in pageants at the age of 13 under the influence of her father, and is full of experience. She previously competed in the Miss Teen Louisiana and Miss Festival City pageants and also placed second runner-up in NSU's Lady of the Bracelet Pageant last year. More recently, McFarland became Miss Heart of Cajunland this past Sunday.

"I used to be really shy, but now I don't get stage fright at all," McFarland said.

McFarland's favorite part of the pageant is the talent portion, and for her talent she plays classical music on her violin.

The senior early childhood

education major grew up on a farm, is the second of four, and the only female of her siblings. After receiving her bachelor's degree, she'd like to begin teaching and later return to get her master's degree. Although her dream is to eventually open her own child development center, she won't be giving up on her big pageant dreams anytime soon.

"I would love to be Miss America one day, but I'll try Miss Louisiana first," she said.

Her hobbies include community service, working out, shopping and enjoying the great outdoors. McFarland is currently president of the Iota Mu chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and is also a member of both the Blue Key and Kappa Delta Pi Honor Societies. Previously, she performed in the Northwestern Symphony Orchestra and was involved with the Demon radio station, KNWD. McFarland was also a member of the 2011 Homecoming Honor Court.

McFarland will compete for the district title of Miss Black and Gold on Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Sai Convention Center in Alexandria, LA.

If McFarland wins the district title, she will compete for the regional title in Arkansas.



McFarland flanked by members of the Theta Chi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc after being crowned the 2011-2012 Miss Black and Gold.



Jacob Labutka
Fashion Columnist

Closing the gender gap in fashion

As an industry, fashion perpetuates a distinction between the wardrobes and beauty of men and women. In any department store, vendor or Wal-Mart Supercenter, the selection of clothing or cosmetics is segregated into our society's two dominating genders. This segregation makes you believe that everything you need to look and feel chic is within that one department. Is it really socially stigmatizing if I dare to cross the gender divide?

A frequent complaint I hear from many of my girlfriends is that T-shirts "made for women" are often not comfortable, have an awkward fit and the material is often too thin. The men's department has become a haven for women who do not want to be fashionable at the expense of comfort and fit.

For the most part, I have come to realize that most women do not have a problem shopping outside their traditional department. The tougher nut to crack are the breed of shoppers who dare not cross the border into foreign departments: the stubborn male shopper.

I'm not entirely attempting to overthrow the use of the men's department by men. There are merely some men, like myself, who do not have the typical body frame to fit clothes in the men's department.

Although seemingly blasphemous to the male order, there is nothing inherently wrong with a guy who doesn't fit into the traditional men's boot cut and straight leg styles, buying a pair of girl's jeans. Many stores like Buckle sell both men's and women's jeans in sizes that are measured by the waist and inseam.

This next piece of advice deals with what men have the greatest trouble incorporating into their daily routine: cosmetics. Many men do not have a daily routine. All in all, the hardest department to get any man to buy from is cosmetics.

I'm not saying all men should look like a drag queen in the Castro district of San Francisco. However, there is nothing effeminate about a man using moisturizer to combat dry skin and using bit of Biosilk in his hair after washing it.

I will even go so far as to say that some makeup is not bad for guys to use on a daily basis. We are not all blessed with an even skin tone and applying foundation, at the very least, is a good remedy for that.

I salute the man who dares to go beyond and also use primer and concealer. But when applying anything, always remember that to give yourself a natural look, less is more.

I challenge everyone not to shop solely based on what stores tell you is "masculine" or "feminine." Rather, make purchases that make you look and feel the most fabulous regardless of the department.

Musician Scott Porter visits NSU Leesville campus

Sarah Hale
Staff Reporter

Scott Porter, 23-year-old, singer and songwriter welcomed students as they poured into the NSU Leesville campus lounge for his performance last Wednesday.

Porter is a self-taught acoustic/rock artist from St. Louis, Missouri. He has performed at various venues, including the Halo Bar and The Duck Room in Blueberry Hill.

"I feel like the luckiest guy in the world because I get paid to travel the world and play guitar. I grew up playing sports, but after a while my interest in music sort of overshadowed my interest in sports. Eventually I gave up basketball for music," Porter said.

Influenced by music from artists John Mayer and The Zac Brown Band, Porter has written and performed several of his own songs. Songs from his latest album "Closer," include "Up To You" and "Barely Breathing."

"Out of the songs on my album 'Closer', 'Barely Breathing' is the one with the highest download rate on iTunes," Porter said.

Porter also performed a few new songs, including "Watch the Sunset" and "More Than Amazing." He hopes to make a new album sometime this summer.

During Porter's performance of The Jackson5 song "I Want You

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Singer/Songwriter Scott Porter hopes to perform more of his music at NSU in the future.

Coffeehouse looks to provide nearby social place for NSU students

Memrie Gibbins
Staff Reporter

A new coffeehouse is in the brew for NSU.

Co-owners Kim Craig and Erin Austin will open The Steamin' Demon Coffeehouse and Roaster early February across campus on University Parkway.

Craig and Austin thought their new business venture was necessary for a college town.

"Students need a place to gather and socialize and to get good coffee for a reasonable price," Craig said.

The owners' memories of kicking back at a local coffeehouse during their college days motivated them to give other students the same experience.

"We remember coming here and hanging out at PJ's when we were in college at Northwestern and what a good experience it was," Craig



In early Feb., The Steamin' Demon will open across from NSU. The owners hope it will provide a place for students to enjoy beverages and socialize.

said.
Kyle Crawford, a junior musical theatre major looks forward to checking out the new spot in town.

"I'm really excited about it. I love coffeehouses. I will probably be spending a lot of time there. As long as they have lattes and

cappuccinos, I'll be happy," Crawford said.

Jonathan Bordelon, a junior computer information systems

major, hopes to see a variety of options on the menu.

"I want to see the usual coffeehouse products. I would like all of the different flavors and types of beverages, as well as scones, bagels and pastries," Bordelon said.

The Steamin' Demon Coffeehouse and Roaster will offer everything from pastries and breakfast foods to espresso and fountain drinks.

There will be study and meeting rooms where students can meet. The owners plan to support local talent by hosting open mic nights, live entertainment and art displays.

"Our basic policy will be as long as people are fair to us, we'll be fair to them," Austin said.

The drive-thru will open from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday. The lobby will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Amber Waves

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Rants: Restricting the 'Wild, Wild Net'



Tom H. Lawler
Opinions Columnist

Dear reader, as a fellow student I am sure you were aware of and gravely affected by the internet blackout last Wednesday.

From what I understand, it was in protest of two bills in legislature right now: SOPA and PIPA.

I am just glad that Facebook was not shut down. Not because I need to tell everyone that I am bored and writing my opinion column, but because what would happen if a billion people could not? Chaos, that's what!

According to news sources, the bills are designed to protect creators and inventors from copyright transgressions and intellectual piracy online. Those opposed to these bills argue that it restricts free speech on the web.

Admittedly, I am only choosing to write about this because it is a big deal and because I wrote about online matters in the previous week. While this issue is still developing, here are my contemplations thus far. I read somewhere (I can't recollect where) that the internet is one of the greatest experiments of anarchy in the world.

Consider this: you are watching Rebecca Black's "Friday" on YouTube and you shout (the original ALL CAPS) the first 20 comments in public. At the very least, you would be fined a hefty sum for public indecency.

Yet other activities (such as:

viewing pornography; selling controlled substances [weapons, alcohol, etc.]; slandering an individual; 'borrowing' music and videos) are much easier to do online, if not more permissible, too.

That is, as long as you can tick a box or enter the funky looking words correctly. That proves you're 18, right?

The internet is essentially a frontier, vast and void of most regulations found in the physical world. It is the "Wild, Wild 'Net."

So what is the harm in protecting what people create online? As a writer, I value free speech, but free speech does not permit me to publish Mark Twain, Kanye West, or anyone else's works and call those works my own.

In the physical world, we have (mostly) free speech (I have talked about this last semester.) However, in the virtual world, it seems that we do have completely free speech.

I am not sure what the fuss is all about. I know I do not want my articles to be republished as someone else's and these are just the lowly opinion articles of some student.

What I am failing to understand here how protecting online copyrights restricts my virtual free speech? I do not think that it does.

Take a look at the first line of SOPA: "Nothing in this Act shall be construed to impose a prior restraint on free speech or the press protected under the First Amendment to the Constitution." (SOPA 2012)

If you have a firm grasp on this subject or if you disagree with me, feel free to comment on the Current Sauce's online publication or to submit an article.

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Volunteering: Help others, help yourself

Catherine Beverly
Opinions Editor



Something I have always found astonishing about our generation is the utter lack of involvement. Now I am not referring to entertainment (such as sports or television), but I am focused solely on the community service side of involvement.

This involvement involves participating in politics on a local and national scale, being an informed citizen, supporting local arts in your community, and even doing something as simple as, say, reading an editorial in the Current Sauce.

It may come as a surprise to some, but these articles are attempts to reach out to the student body and make them care about something—anything.

In an attempt to make my point connect, I will reference a song readers may recognize: "You gotta get it right while you got the time, 'cause when you close your heart, you close your mind." Michael Jackson sang these lyrics in 1988, and they still ring true today.

The town of Natchitoches is below the state poverty level. According to city-data.com, statistics show that 30 percent of Natchitoches residents are below the poverty level, and 86 percent of these cases involve families in single-parent homes.

Nothing will ever be quite right about a community that closes its heart to those citizens who need a helping hand. While it may seem easier to sit back and watch the

world spinning around you, it is not particularly fulfilling.

Some of the most moving moments of my life have been the result of something I did to help someone else. Volunteering at the organization "Big Brothers, Big Sisters" let me see many children find their escapes from sometimes brutal home lives while the organization "Habitat for Humanity" provided me with a way to better my community and help families in need.

According to bls.gov, 1,000 fewer people volunteered in 2010 than they did in the previous year. While this may not seem like a huge drop, it is drastic when you consider the homes that were not built as quickly, the children who were left with no role models or the animals that sat alone in their kennels.

Volunteering does not take much time out of your schedule. As few as three or four hours every weekend is enough to make a person's (or an animal's) life happier and healthier.

Imagine what volunteering could do for someone else. And you thought you needed a college degree to change the world. Next time you are sitting alone in your dorm room, bored, better use this community.

Some good places to start volunteering are: local veterinary clinics, shelters, on-campus clubs and organizations or at www.dosomething.org. "Do Something" gives people the chance to start up their own volunteering organization with nation-wide support, and it could be an opportunity to create start-up grants and scholarships.

But remember: in order to change the world, you have to start with what you see in the mirror.

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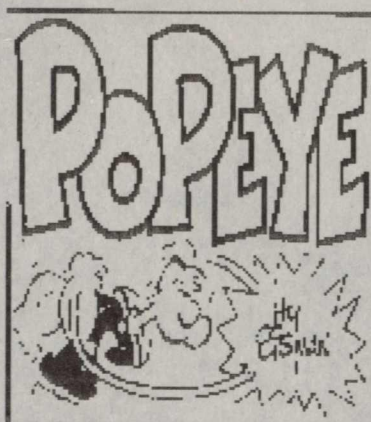
By Samantha Weaver

• It was American ventriloquist and comedian Willie Tyler who made the following sage observation: "The reason lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place is that the same place isn't there the second time."

• Even flight attendants have their own patron saint, as declared by Pope Paul XXIII in 1962: Saint Bona of Pisa.

• Many people believe that the Gutenberg Bible, which came from the presses of Johannes Gutenberg in the 1450s, is the first example of a printed book, but that's not true; it's the first book printed using movable type. The oldest known printed book is actually the "Diamond Sutra," which was printed in China more than 550 years before the Gutenberg Bible.

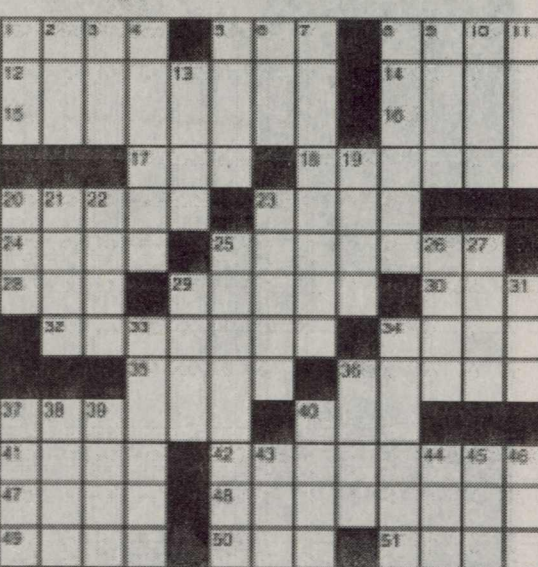
• In many Middle Eastern cultures, it is traditional to celebrate a wedding with five events. The first is the engagement party, during which the bride-to-be changes clothes several times. When the bride and groom sign the marriage contract there is another party, again with numerous changes of clothing by the bride. The day before the wedding there is a henna party, during which the bride and others are painted with elaborate designs that are thought to ward off evil spirits. The reception takes place after the wedding, and guests are often given five almond pieces, each piece symbolizing one of the sacred wedding wishes: health, happiness, wealth, longevity and fertility. Seven days after the wedding is the final celebratory event, known as sabaa, which is for women only and is analogous to the wedding shower we have in the West.



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- 1 Rock Band's equipment
- 5 One of the Seven Dwarfs
- 8 Mr. Astaire
- 12 Ladyfingers dessert
- 14 Of planes and such
- 15 Huge
- 16 Bowling alley
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64-61

Last-second three lifts Demons past scrappy McNeese Cowboys

Courtesy of Sports Info:

James Hulbin's game-winning tip at the buzzer didn't count. Thanks to Shamir Davis' subsequent 3-pointer at the buzzer, it didn't matter, as Northwestern State escaped with a 64-61 Southland Conference basketball win Saturday at McNeese State.

Hulbin tipped in what would have been a game-winner, but an obvious, and ultimately ruled inadvertent, whistle by a game official negated the basket. After three looks at the review monitor, officials gave NSU the ball underneath the Demons' basket with 1.2 seconds put back on the clock.

Louis Ellis tried to inbound the ball, but called timeout when he didn't find an open teammate. After going to their bench, NSU came out with a different plan as Ellis looked into the near corner, where Davis cut off a pair of picks by Gary Stewart and William Mosley, took the inbounds pass and drained a 3-pointer in front of the Demons bench to win the see-saw game.

"They had the middle jammed up and we couldn't get the entry pass, so we called time out and (assistant) coach (Bill) Lewit drew up a play with a pick, and Shamir rubbed off it perfectly and knocked down the shot," said Mike McConathy, the Demons' 13th-year coach.

Northwestern (10-9 overall, 3-2 in the Southland) led by 14 in each half, but McNeese rallied to open a 59-53 lead with 6:08 remaining. In a two-minute span, Mosley scored the last six of his team-high 16 points on a short jumper, two free throws and a transition dunk after rebounding at the other end to tie the game 59-59 with two minutes left.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

The Demons beat McNeese 64-61. The team returns home tonight against Lamar University.

McNeese (7-10, 3-2) went up on a Patrick Richard basket, but Davis hit a driving layup with 1:15 to go to tie it at 61- all. Richard drove the lane with 40 seconds left but NSU forced McNeese's 24th turnover, knocking the ball out of bounds and giving the visitors the ball with a last-second chance to win.

Mosley had 6 rebounds, with the

third making him only the third player in school history to snag 1,000 in a career. He added 4 steals and 3 blocks while going 6-6 from the floor. Davis finished with 13 points while Ellis had 10.

Richard led all scorers with 28, 19 while leading McNeese's second-half rally. The Demons gathered themselves to recover down

the stretch, outscoring the Cowboys 11-2 over the final four minutes.

"We got some stops defensively, and were able to get some transition baskets out of our defense. We also got the ball entered inside to Mosley after not doing that for most of the second half," said McConathy. "He wants the ball now. He's our yeoman. Part of the problem against

zones is we're not getting it into him. When we did today we were a better team."

The outcome snapped a two-game skid by the Demons heading into a pair of home games next Wednesday night against Lamar and next Saturday against Southeastern Louisiana, two East Division foes. NSU moved into a tie for the East Division lead with the win.

"It's big. We go from 2-0 to 2-2, and now we're 3-2 and back on top on our side, after a tough loss at San Antonio and one we let slip away (wasting a 17-point second-half lead against Central Arkansas). It felt like we were on a hump the last few days and now we're on the right side of it," said McConathy.

After seemingly having won the game on Hulbin's tip-in, only to have the officials huddle and repeatedly review the game tape without explaining what they were looking for, McConathy was hopeful but nervous during the stoppage.

"I was hoping for a foul, because he blew the whistle and started to raise his hand. But once they finally sorted out the situation, it came down to making our decision how to score, and our young men had to execute it. Louis Ellis calling time out on our first inbounds attempt was a smart and game-winning play, just like James Hulbin made what should have been a game-winning tip-in that didn't count," said McConathy.

"We lost one in pretty bizarre fashion earlier this year on a banked-in 3-pointer at the buzzer in double overtime up at Louisiana Tech, and we won one in a pretty odd way today," he said. "Our guys showed some toughness in making the plays to win - twice."



Jimmie Walker
Editor-In-Chief

Dynamite: Sending death threats through social media

Social media sites such as Twitter have made the gap between our athletics heroes and the rest of the world as wide as a QWERTY keyboard.

You can literally engage in a conversation with your favorite celebrity in 140 characters or less per tweet. This is especially the case when fans of successful football teams praise players via tweet for their dominance on the field during the playoffs.

Tebow's performance conjured 9,420 tweets per second after he completed the game-winning touchdown pass in overtime against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

49ers receiver Kyle Williams found himself on the opposite spectrum of this social phenomenon. He became an easy target for verbal abuse by angry, heartbroken fans.

Williams became a worldwide trending topic within minutes, as tweets directed toward him became more violent. One twitter user hoped Williams would die in his sleep. Another wished death on him, his wife and kid. Luckily, Williams is not married and doesn't have a kid.

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NSU to award unprecedented number of scholarships

Courtesy of News Bureau

Northwestern State University President Dr. Randall J. Webb announced the availability of an unprecedented number of new scholarships for current and incoming students during a media event Monday.

Thanks to recent major gifts to the university, the number of scholarships Northwestern State can award has risen 125 percent over the past five years and the value of those scholarships has increased more than 100 percent.

Northwestern State has benefited from significant growth in the overall creation of privately funded scholarships, with the value of total scholarship funds from private sources rising over 143 percent over the past five years.

Northwestern State can now award the largest number and greater value of privately funded scholarships in the history of the school, Webb said.

"Students who can obtain funding through TOPS and privately funded scholarships will make a tremendous difference," Webb said, citing the bequest of the late Mary Rives Gallaspy as one of the most significant gifts. "This highly generous gift has been transformational."

Webb introduced the first two recipients of scholarships created through the Gallaspy estate, Emily

O'Glee, a senior at Houghton High School, and Kirk Allen of Haynesville, a sophomore at Northwestern State pursuing a degree in industrial engineering technology. O'Glee, who plans to major in mathematics, is the first recipient of the Hettie McMullen Fincher Scholarship in Mathematics. Allen is the first recipient of the Mary R. Gallaspy Scholarship.

"This helps more than most people realize," Allen said, adding that the funds helped defray the cost of books and other expenses.

"This is a great opportunity and I'm even more excited about attending Northwestern," said O'Glee, who was accompanied by her mother, Brandy.

Gallaspy, a 1946 graduate of Northwestern State College, was a teacher and businesswoman from DeSoto Parish whose bequest included a monetary gift, as well as property located in the Haynesville Shale. The Fincher Scholarship honors Gallaspy's aunt, who graduated from Louisiana Normal, as Northwestern State was then known, in 1908.

In honor of the new scholarships and scholarship recipients, the Northwestern State columns will be lit purple this evening. Viewers can watch video highlights of today's announcement on the Northwestern State YouTube channel at youtube.com/northwesternstate.



Emily O'Glee of Houghton, center, was awarded the Hettie McMullen Fincher Scholarship.

"Because of the increase in the number of scholarships over the past five years, we are helping more than twice the students that we have in the past," said Drake Owens, executive director of the Northwestern State Foundation.

Dean of Students Dr. Chris Maggio said that the additional funding

helps with recruiting initiatives and with retention of students.

"We want to take care of our students, our incoming and continuing students," Maggio said. "We encourage prospective students to apply for admissions and then apply for scholarships early."

The deadline to apply for scholar-

ships at Northwestern State is March 1. High school juniors and seniors who have applied for enrollment should apply for Northwestern State Foundation/Leadership and alumni scholarships. For more information, visit recruiting.nsula.edu and click on the Leadership/Foundation link. For those applying to Northwestern

State for the first time, the link will be at the end of the Apply Now process.

For more information, visit nsula.edu and click on the Prospective Students link or contact Jana Lucky, director of University Recruiting by calling (318) 357-4503 or e-mailing luckyj@nsula.edu.

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Fruge ends reign as Miss LOB Saturday



Last year's winner, Ruth Fruge, will pass on the title of Lady of the Bracelet this Saturday in the 54th annual LOB pageant. LOB will start at 7:00 p.m. this Saturday in A.A. Frederick's Auditorium.

Correction: Renovation Story

It has come to my attention that an article written by a reporter had information that did not pertain to the university.

The article was intended to give information about ongoing and future construction projects on this

campus. The representative from Bernhard was not clear with the questions asked, so it led to a misunderstanding. The reporter referred to Northwestern State University as "NSU," and the representative thought he was talking about Nich-

olls State University, as they also refer to the school as "NSU." However, Bernhard is working with Northwestern State University on renovation projects. Be sure to read upcoming Current Sauce issues for more information about the campus.



200 protesters arrested in Oakland: Occupy Wall Street protesters attempted to take over City Hall in downtown Oakland, CA. Tear gas was used to quell the protesters and four were injured.

Marijuana legalization sent to ballot in Washington State: The group Approach New Washington gathered 278,000 signatures in order to legalize marijuana. This is more than enough signatures to put the matter on the November ballot.

Senate refuses to raise debt ceiling: Last Thursday, the Senate rejected a proposition to increase the debt ceil-

ing by 1.2 trillion dollars. Had this proposition passed, it would have halted much debate on the issue until after the presidential election.

Reward offered for info on shot seals: Environmental group Sea Shepherd Conservation Society is offering \$10,000 for any information about the the shooting of seven sea lions in Washington State.

NSU Police Blotter

Reports from the NSU police station from Jan 24-28

Jan 24

7:49 a.m. Missing cellphone reported

11:02 a.m. - Student Union west, illegally parked cars

2:27 p.m. - Heavy traffic, sent officer to direct

7:03 p.m. - Vehicle collision at UPI

Jan 25

6:53 a.m. - Vehicle stalled in the

middle of road on campus

7:00 a.m. - Unknown vehicle found on campus

7:15 a.m. Smith's Towing called to have vehicle removed

7:24 a.m. Kappa Sig house had unknown vehicle parked in driveway, requested it be moved

10:52 a.m. - Subject complained about vehicles parked in the fire lane at columns

Jan 26

2:22 p.m. - Collision at Iberville, individual's leg injured

2:40 p.m. - Student reports ash all over his car, vehicle near farm area fears damage

2:57 p.m. - Ashes from fire on cars near farm area, no damage

6:21 p.m. - Individual reported soliciting in parking lot of library

Jan 27

2:58 p.m. Archie's Towing towed away car with out of date tag at BCM

10:35 a.m. - Individual called to report a Jeep parked with unattended children

Jan 28

10:27 p.m. - Loud noise and funny smell reported coming from room in Columns

10:55 Summons issued for room in Columns, underage drinking reported

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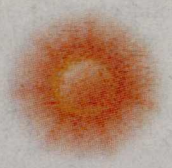
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Submitted Photo

Two NSU students enjoy the outdoors in downtown Natchitoches by Cane River.

Students find ways to have fun

Janitza Vasquez
Sauce Reporter

Behind the steel magnolias of historic Natchitoches is a place that is bursting with entertaining activities for students to enjoy.

That may be hard to believe, but new businesses and some innovations by students are allowing young adults to get the

most out of attending school in Natchitoches.

The newest restaurant addition is Orange Leaf, a yogurt shop that opened last fall on Keyser Avenue near Wal-Mart.

Brielle Mallet, a sophomore nursing major believes that the local eatery provides an interesting atmosphere for students.

"Orange Leaf is a nice place that allows you to hangout with your

friends. The yogurt is inexpensive, and they offer a free rewards card that can help you get free treats and cheaper yogurt," Mallet said.

Students can also enjoy live entertainment at other restaurants such as the Landing located on Front Street on various days of the week.

"The Landing's Sunday Champagne Jazz Brunch is fantastic. It's the perfect

environment to chat with friends while indulging with great food and drinks," senior graphic design major Allison Roberts said.

For students that do not want to spend money to have fun, things can be challenging, but not impossible.

Shana Lee, an elementary education major said the key to having fun is hanging out with the right people.

"There isn't much that the city offers that fall within a college student's budget. You have to be creative, and a big part of determining the amount of fun you have is the people you hang out with," Lee said.

For Natchitoches native Hunter Smith, being outdoors is all the entertainment he needs.

"I love going to the Natchitoches Shooting Range. It's a fun place that offers instruction on shooting, different types of guns and archery," Smith said.

Smith added that fishing and spending time at the lake is also something fun to do.

Taylor Graves, event coordinator for the Natchitoches Event Center, explained that there is always some event planned in Natchitoches, but most times students never find out about the events. A little investigation is required to find out things to do.

"Some type of festival or event happens every month. The next one coming up is the Krewe of Dionysus Mardi Gras parade on Feb. 12," Graves said.

For more information about things to do in Natchitoches, visit www.natchitoches.net.

Shopping in Natchitoches: Challenge for savvy shopper



Jacob Labutka
Fashion Columnist

fewer financial assets, I suggest strolling through Payless Shoe Source.

In the shopping center adjacent to Wal-mart is Rue 21 which specifically sells to the broke college student. Right next door is Sally's Beauty Supply whose products helped me go through my 2011 platinum blond phase.

Before I list any more potential stores, I must inform my readers about the clothing stores on Front Street. While these stores have some potential merchandise, the outfits sold at the majority of these retailers are meant for the individual who has long since graduated from college (and has the checking account to prove it).

Last, but not least, is the store most of my friends forget Natchitoches even has. It can be classified beyond the label of "store" to the "almost department store" that sells everything but your living room couch. This diamond in the rough is Stage.

Compared to many of the Stage stores I have shopped in, Natchitoches store has a decent selection in every department. From the clearance rack shopper to the individual who wants to "get happy" (which happens to be a wonderful smelling fragrance by Clinique), Stage has something for everyone.

I will not perpetuate the illusion that finding a cute outfit in this town is not hard. I merely inform you that it is possible to find something new when a trip to Alexandria or Shreveport is not possible.

NSU cheerleaders host clinic for kids

Membrie Gibbons
Staff Reporter

NSU cheerleaders held their yearly winter Cheer and Dance Clinic from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. this past Saturday. Approximately 30 children ranging from Pre-K through the 12th grade participated and learned cheers, stunting techniques and dance routines from the NSU squad members.

The clinic not only benefits the children of the community by

providing them with the opportunity to learn cheerleading skills from a collegiate cheer squad, but it also helps the cheerleaders raise money to pay for expenses they encounter throughout the football and basketball seasons.

Jana Lucky, sponsor for the NSU cheer squad, noted the benefits of the cheer clinic.

"This clinic is a great outreach program to the children of the community, and aids the cheerleaders in paying for things like the travel expenses for the away

games they cheer at," Lucky said.

Captain of the NSU cheer squad, Amy Dodson, enjoyed the clinic.

"We [the NSU cheerleaders] have so much fun doing this clinic not only because it's fun for the kids, but also because it makes us appreciate our spots on the squad more. We see these young children looking up to us like celebrities, and we remember being them at one point and all the work we put in to get on the squad in the first place," Dodson, a senior elementary education major said.

While the clinic officially

ended at 2 p.m., the children who participated in the clinic were invited to cheer with the cheerleaders at the basketball game against Southeastern to enjoy the game and perform their routine at halftime.

The basketball court was full of children of all ages as the children showed the Demon fans in the stands the skills they learned that morning. Their halftime performance was concluded with the NSU cheer squad and clinic participants dancing to the Demon Fight Song.

Improve eating habits with simple tips

Alexis Reliford
Staff Reporter

When it comes to food, college students love it. Whether it's fast food, university grub or mom's home-cooked meals, food is number one on the list of priorities.

Although between balancing classes, multiple activities and a social life, healthy eating often takes a backseat.

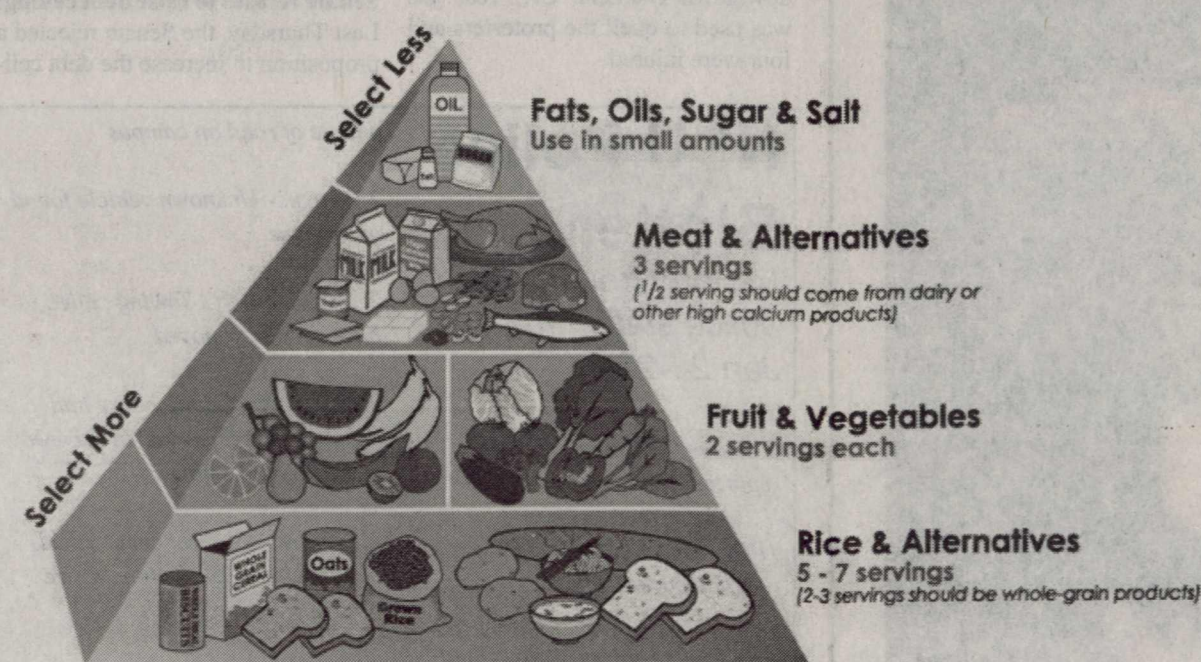
"I don't think my diet is very healthy. Everyday I eat at The Grill on campus, but technically, nothing's grilled, it's fried," freshman Rodney Haynes said.

According to Connie Jones, NSU professor and registered dietitian, the priorities of students' and their eating habits are wrong.

While she recognizes that healthy food can be expensive, she believes it's worth the money.

"It is very important for students to eat healthy. Eating healthy has various short-term and long-term effects including the strengthening of the immune system, increased personal performance and the reduction of health problems such as diabetes," Jones said.

"Even if I wanted to start eating healthy, I have no idea where to start," freshman Jocelyn Beaudoin said. Jones suggests developing healthy habits.



"Start with small changes. Get five servings a day of fruits and vegetables, swap one sugary drink per day for water and limit meat portions and white foods such as pasta, bread and rice," Jones said.

Jones also recommends that students get at least three servings of milk a day to insure healthy bones and teeth.

"Even if it's chocolate, some milk is better than no milk," Jones added.

Snacks can be good or bad, and she suggests, "stacking the deck in your favor" to students, to satisfy cravings that occur randomly. Instead of skipping meals, students

should pack quick, healthy snacks to munch on throughout the day. Healthy snacks include fruits such as apples and bananas, nuts, oatmeal, granola bars and popcorn.

"Good choices are available, but self-education is necessary. The next most important thing after eating healthy is to get active," Jones added.

Moderate exercise implemented with healthy eating has been proven to have satisfactory outward and inward results.

The WRAC has several fitness classes ranging from Zumba – an energetic, Latin dance-inspired fitness program – hip hop dance,

yoga, pilates and more.

The classes are of no charge to NSU students, and they provide a fun way to stay active.

Crystalyn Whitaker, a senior English education major is thinking about picking up one of the WRAC's classes to get started on her New Year's resolutions.

"I can't think of a better way to start my mornings than with a good shower, breakfast, and workout. I'm excited about the hip hop class. These are dances I do all the time, but maybe I'll learn something new. I love to dance," Whitaker said.

Now, what are you waiting for? Make the decision today to start living a more healthy lifestyle!

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"Contraband"

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"Joyful Noise"

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Rants: Got to make that money



Tom H.
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I have been looking for a job now for the past month and a half. While I listen to reports of an improving economy and the creation of jobs, I wonder why my broke behind cannot get in on the action.

Given the past month or so of applications with no answer, I have some grievances with the job processes of a post-industrialized society.

I could always work with a relative or an old friend perhaps. However, I thought this was supposed to be a free market society, where anyone doing his or her best would benefit that society. I thought I could have any job I wanted as long as I was qualified.

Nope.

So why is it that I am only able to get a job through what my family and friends have done?

Such a trend resembles feudalism, or even communism because my potential paycheck is limited to certain sources pertaining to family ties.

This leads straight into the second qualm: experience. On Craigslist, if you do not have a minimum of three years as a waiter, in transportation, sales, maintenance or any other domestic trade then you can start heading on down to the Welfare office or start flipping burgers.

Please note that if my condition does not improve, I'll choose the latter. My dignity will expire in a few weeks.

On Natchitoches' Craigslist website and in its classifieds, there is little or no mention of qualifications such as "must have bachelor's or master's" or even "vo-tech desired." However, what they do ask for is a friendly outlook on life and an ability to play nicely with others. As if any of that "friendly person" malarkey actually matters especially in this cynical and individualistic era.

This leads to my third and final qualm: online applications. Not only is a friendly disposition required-although it should really be implied rather than stated-but many of these employers ask that you fill out the application online.

Online applications take the personal aspect of applying for a job completely out of the equation. You have to wait for the interview for all of that. By the time (or if) you get an interview, you are so stressed out and frustrated that it takes restraint and control to be a "friendly person."

Good thing they mentioned it, I suppose.

But maybe by the time that you, dear reader, come across this article I will have succeeded in my quest for legal and gainful employment.

I wish all of you good luck in finding a job within your interest as you face the hurdles I mentioned above.

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Pulling the wool from America's eyes



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Although I have many issues with the education system in America, something that really gets my goat is that most of us have no idea what is going on.

What I mean is that there are so many events across the world, good and bad, and we seem to be the last people to hear about them. We cannot blame this on inaccessibility (in most cases) because we are almost always on the Internet in some way or another.

The most I ever knew about current events was learned through a mandatory class assignment for a high school class. At that time, my idea of an "important global event"

was something a few states away.

This disconnected state stems from the size and location of our country. While smaller countries have the ability to cross international borders within hours, many citizens of the United States have never even traveled halfway across this country.

My opinions articles are usually focused on current political or social problems because I feel that the student population should be aware of what is ahead of them, or at least of what some balding old man thinks should be ahead of them.

Outside of Internet memes and Facebook posts, there are many important things that are going on in the world. For instance, did you know that over 5,000 people have died in an uprising in Syria since last March? For me to say that this

information was a surprise to me is an understatement.

Let's try a current event closer to home. Many of the GOP candidates for the 2012 presidential election are firmly anti-abortion, and some of them are even crossing the barrier into being anti-contraception. This constant struggle to take away or change the rights of the American public is ludicrous. The funny thing about rights is that there should be no vote on whether or not we should have them.

While this may not seem like a big deal to those who are pro-life, imagine the consequences when millions of people with no form of contraception continue to have sex (because you know they will). Imagine a doubled population, doubled prices and resorting to any means necessary to keep your family afloat. The unemployment

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Evolution at its best

One grand thing about humans is we're constantly evolving. It's a gradual process. On a molecular level, right down to our hair, nail and skin cells, we change and we evolve into something different than before.

We're not blanketed by the same skin cells that we had 10 years ago. We don't have the same hair and nails that we did the day we were born. We change and grow out of some things and into others.

Although biology is an interesting aspect in explaining how people change, I've found that as we age our perspectives undergo important changes as well.

Perspectives tend to be the line that separates those that excel and those that fail.

As we go through life, we gather experience and with that experience we may learn that we want to keep the views we have, revise them or just do away with them altogether, and that's ok.

We have the right to change our minds. It doesn't matter how drastic that change is to what your view was before.

Do you have the same perspective on your life as you did five years ago? three years ago? Do you still see the world in the same way?

Sometimes it takes a conversation with someone raised differently from you. Sometimes it takes you making bad decisions or taking a leap of faith and stepping out of a comfort zone (not all transitions are as effortless as shedding hair and skin cells).

The beauty of this is that we can become better people. Perhaps the view you have of yourself now cripples you or prevents you from excelling. Is your view of yourself a negative one? We have that choice to adopt new views or even re-create them.

Remember that change is critical to growth.

One thing that I have learned thus far is that change is inevitable, sometime scary and uncomfortable, but most times necessary.



1. Name the female singer who had a hit with "Don't Break the Heart That Loves You" in 1962.
2. How did Quicksilver Messenger Service get its name?
3. Who released "My Fair Share," and when?
4. Name the group that released "You've Really Got a Hold on Me" and "Going to a Go-Go."
5. Who wrote and sang "Stuck in the Middle" and when?
6. Shep and The Limelites are best remembered for what song?

Answers:
1. Connie Francis. The song was her last chart topper. She came close with a No. 7 in 1964 with "Whose Heart Are You Breaking Tonight."
2. It's all in the stars. Two members were Virgo, two were Gemini. Mercury was Virgo, two were Gemini. Mercury's name is Quicksilver. Sample no?
3. Seals and Crofts. In 1977. The song appeared on the soundtrack for the film "One on One," but never made it higher than No. 28 on the Hot 100 chart.
4. Smokestack Robinson and the Miracles. The song was "The Tracks of My Tears." It was a No. 1 hit in 1965.
5. Sheela's Wheel. In 1972 on their debut album. The song ended up in the top 10.
6. "Daddy's Home." In 1961. The song is about coming home from war.



1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which youth group's slogan is "Learn by doing?"
2. TELEVISION: Who was the German commandant of Stalag 13 in TV's "Hogan's Heroes"?
3. U.S. GOVERNMENT: Which state did Harry Byrd represent in the U.S. Senate for 32 years?
4. INVENTORS: Who was the inventor of the first practical process of photography?
5. MYTHOLOGY: Who was the Greek goddess Persephone?
6. HISTORY: What did Jack Ruby, who killed JFK assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, do for a living?
7. SPORTS: When was the Stanley Cup first awarded?
8. THEATER: Tennessee Williams won a Pulitzer Prize for which one of his plays in 1948?
9. GEOGRAPHY: The city of Cartagena, Spain, lies next to which body of water?
10. EXPLORERS: What was the nationality of polar explorer Roald Amundsen?

Answers:
1. 4-H
2. Col. William Klink
3. Virginia
4. Louis Daguerre
5. Queen of the underworld
6. Ruby was a Dallas nightclub owner.
7. 1893
8. "A Streetcar Named Desire"
9. Mediterranean Sea
10. Norwegian
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Answers to last week's King Crossword puzzle

— King Crossword —

Answers

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Demons tame Lions 55-38

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Northwestern State kept visiting Southeastern Louisiana scoreless in the game's final 9:15 Saturday afternoon as the Demons held the Lions to the lowest score by an NSU opponent since 1971 in a 55-38 Southland Conference basketball victory Saturday at Prather Coliseum.

NSU ended the game on a 19-2 run pulling away from a brief 36-all score with 12:19 left. Southeastern's only score afterward came on a disputed goaltending call with 9:16 remaining. The Lions missed their last 11 shots from the floor, went 0-for-3 on free throws and suffered 4 turnovers while being blanked 17-0.

It was the lowest point total by an NSU foe since a 25-21 double overtime homecourt loss in 1971 to a nationally-ranked Louisiana-Lafayette team before both programs moved up to Division I. The Demons held the ball in that game, which came 14 years before the shot clock was instituted in 1985.

Northwestern (12-9 overall, 5-2 in the Southland) won its third straight game while snapping a six-game win streak in the series by Southeastern (8-11, 2-5).

The Lions shot only 28 percent (16-58) from the field and were 2-9 on free throws while making 21 turnovers. The Demons, 12th nation-



Photo by Gary Hardamon
William Mosely rejects shot by the opponent. Mosely had six blocks in win over Southeastern.

ally with a 9.1 steals average, had 13 swipes, and blocked 12 shots, nearly double their 6.7 average that is sixth in the country.

"The key to the game was getting up in the passing lanes, and for the first 10:43 of the second half we weren't doing that," said 13th-year

Demons' coach Mike McConathy, a 33-year coaching veteran. "We did a phenomenal job over the last 9:16. I've been in this game for a long time, and I've never seen something quite like that."

"The game plan was to get up on top and take them out of what they wanted to run offensively. We had

a nice game plan by Coach (Jacob) Spielbauer and the kids bought in and competed at a high level," he said.

NSU senior center William Mosley had 14 points, 12 rebounds, 6 blocks and 3 steals. He climbed two spots to 17th on the all-time NCAA career blocked shots list, raising his total to 421. He was the only double-digit scorer for the Demons, who were substandard offensively themselves, making only 36 percent overall and only 11 of their 23 free throws, while going 2 of 14 on 3-pointers.

"If we play defense like we did today, we'll find ways to win the game. There's a huge difference in the way we're defending now and the way we defended in our last loss at UTSA (80-62 on Jan. 18), said McConathy.

SLU, which dropped to 0-10 on the road, got 12 oints and 8 rebounds from Elgin Bailey. The Demons moved to 10-0 when holding their opposition under 70 points.

Northwestern wraps up the first half of the Southland race on the road at Central Arkansas next Wednesday, then comes home next Saturday for their third home game in four outings, against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Demon Basketball Reunion Day.



Photo by Gary Hardamon
The Lady Demons are ranked sixth on the coaches' and SID's polls.

Expectations set high for Demon softball

Robbie Kleinmuntz
Sauce Reporter

Second-baseman Cali Burke earned her name on to the 2012 Pre-Season All-SLC First-Team and pitcher Kelee Grimes was named to the All-SLC Second-Team, as the Northwestern State softball team was tabbed for a mid-table finish in the conference by the coaches and SID's, announced on Thursday.

The Lady Demons were projected to finish sixth in both polls, and received a first place vote by the SLC coaches. NSU finished sixth last season, earning a trip to the SLC Tournament for the first time in five years.

"We want to win the conference and the conference tournament. Those are the two main goals that we have this season," said head coach Donald Pickett. "We have the talent to accomplish it. We just have to continue to work hard, put ourselves in good situations and execute when we need to."

Texas State was tabbed for a first-place finish in both polls after

winning the 2011 SLC Tournament. A&M-Corpus Christi and Texas-Arlington were predicted second and third in the Coaches' Poll, and flopped positions in the SID's Poll. McNeese State, UTSA and NSU were next placed in order in both polls to round out the SLC Tournament qualifying spots.

The SLC league office also announced the 2012 Pre-Season All-Tournament teams, naming two Lady Demons to the squads.

Burke, a sophomore from Mesquite, Texas and Dr. John Horn HS, got her career started in 2011 with a bang, hitting for a .302 average and 16 RBI. She earned honors on the 2011 All-Louisiana Collegiate Softball Team and the All-SLC Second-Team. Burke posted a 10-game hitting streak during conference play, and registered 13 multi-hit games.

Grimes, a right-hander from Pineville and Pineville HS, is coming off a breakthrough year where she earned her name on the 2011

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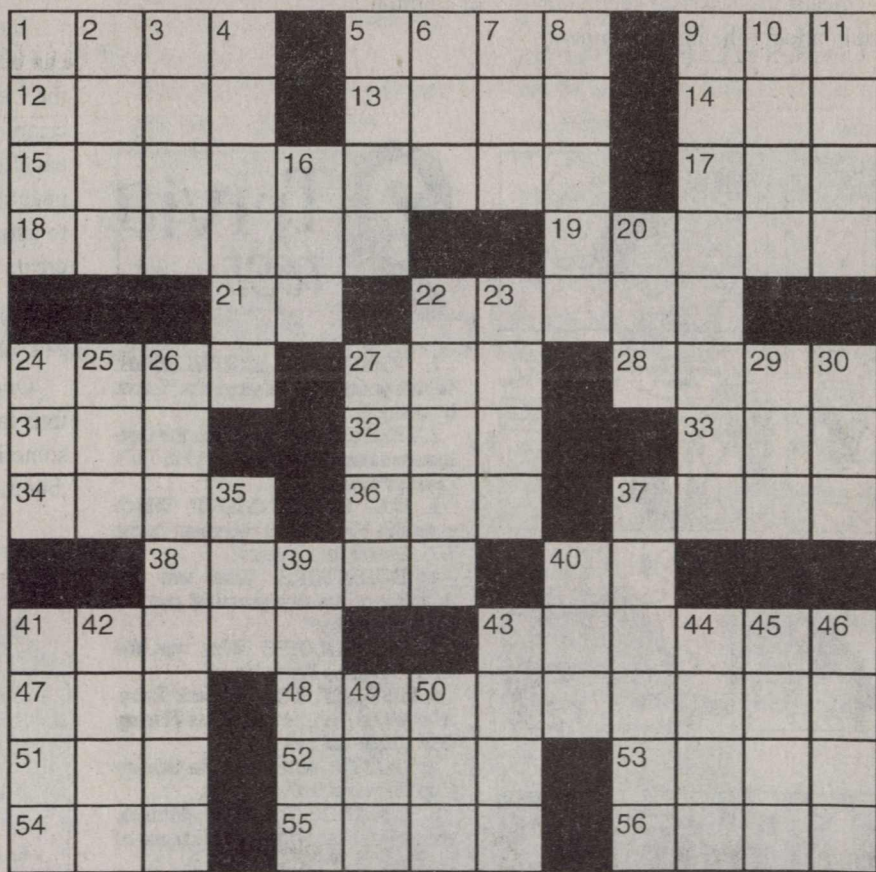
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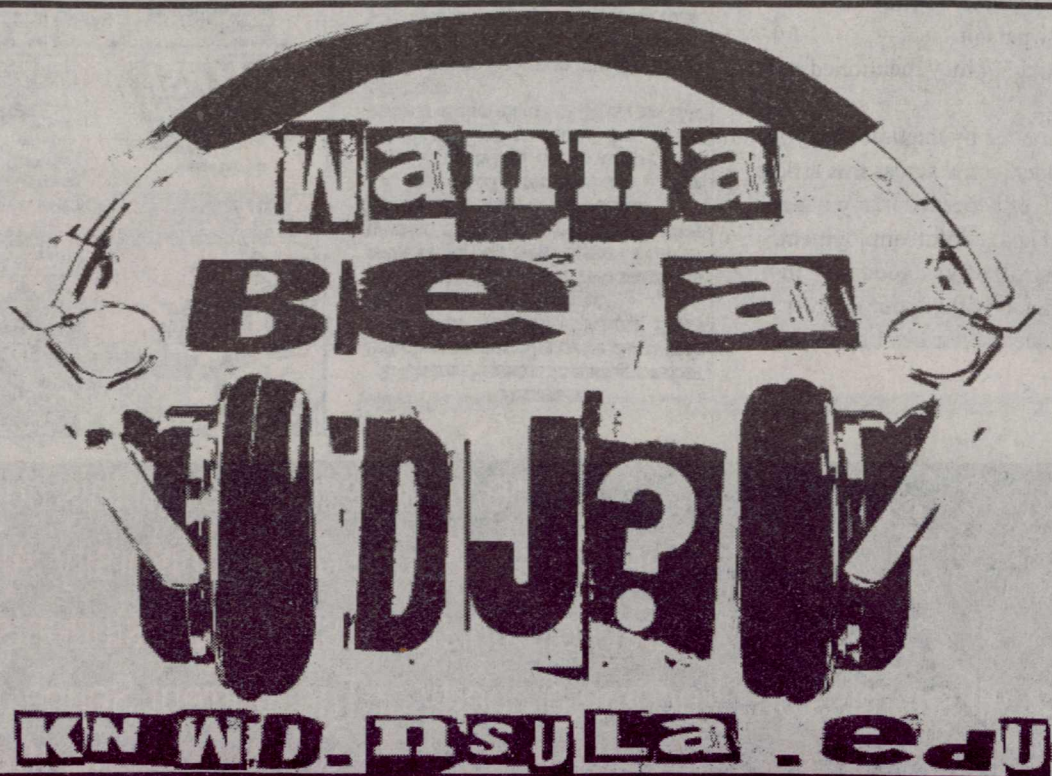
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Elqutub honored as scholar-athlete



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Former Demon linebacker Yaser Elqutub was honored last Saturday at the Demons' basketball game for receiving the National Football Foundation award. Pictured are (left to right) athletic director Greg Burke; Yaser Elqutub; Carrie Crowell, head academic coordinator; and T. Davina McClain, director of the Scholars' College and associate professor. Elqutub, a Scholars' College graduate, walked on for the Demon football team in 2007. He started at linebacker his junior and senior years.



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'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest' opens tonight at CAPA

Contessa D. Wills
Sauce Reporter

Beginning Wednesday, the NSU Theatre and Dance department will present *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* which is based on the best-selling novel by Ken Kesey. The play is set in an asylum where a not-so-insane man causes chaos in a string of rebellious acts to challenge the authority of a corrupt nurse.

The "Cuckoo's Nest" is the first production that the university has directed since the late 1970s.

Pia Wyatt, an associate professor of Theatre and Dance, will direct the play. Wyatt has been a professor at NSU for nine years and has directed thirteen plays.

Wyatt expressed the play's appeal and its significance to the audience.

"The play is uplifting, funny, a message of hope [and] a great opportunity for students to get lost in the theatre," Wyatt said.

Wyatt believes that it is more realistic to watch a live performance of the play versus watching a film adaptation because the play is more relatable to students when they see

it live.

Wyatt acknowledges that some students will view the play and the matter of mental illness as entertainment, but others who may be affected on a deeper level.

"It depends on the student," Wyatt said. "No matter what the cost, we must still struggle against conformity, oppression and totalitarianism."

Randa Lopez, a junior communications major, is looking forward to seeing the play for the first time.

Although Lopez has seen clips of the film version of the play in classes, she wants to see how NSU students will pull off the asylum setting. Lopez has seen other NSU plays such as *Chicago*, and she believes that the production will be a success.

"NSU always does amazing shows, and [They're] all pretty spot on," Lopez said.

The cast prepared for the production by rehearsing six days a week for three hours a night.

"Cuckoo's Nest" will be performed Feb. 8-11, and 15-17, at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 12, at 2 p.m. in Theatre West.

Admission is free to all NSU and LSMSA students with a current student I.D.



Marion Bienvenu, left, with Tim Sandifer in a scene from *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

Photo by News Bureau

Tori Thompson wins LOB crown



In the 54th Annual Miss Northwestern-Lady of the Bracelet Pageant, Tori Thompson, a freshman secondary education major from Houston was crowned the winner. Thompson will compete in the Miss Louisiana Pageant this summer in Monroe. Thompson is a member of Phi Mu Fraternity, a Freshman Connector and a NSU Presidential Ambassador. For her victory, Thompson was rewarded more than \$8,000 dollars in scholarships and prizes. For more information on Thompson's crowning, see Alexis Reliford's article on the Life page.



Mass dolphin deaths in Massachusetts: Mysteriously, numerous dolphins are beaching themselves along Cape Cod, MA. A total of 149 dolphins have been found on the shore, and only 37 were found alive or well enough to be released back into the

wild.

California overturns ban on gay marriage: The 9th Circuit Court in California ruled the voter-passed ban on gay marriage as unconstitutional.

U.S. born children denied food stamps in Alabama: An Alabama law prevents businesses from engaging in business transactions with illegal immigrants. This law prevents the usage of food stamps to feed children who were born in the U.S.

and also denies funds used for other necessities such as utility bills.

Los Angeles school has entirely new faculty to avoid further abuse: After two teachers in a Los Angeles elementary school were arrested and charged with child abuse, the school board decided to hire an entirely new faculty in hopes of preventing any further abuse cases at the school.

NSU Health Services help students get well

J.C. Bryant
Sauce Reporter

NSU Health Services is available to all students that experience any medial issues or discomfort. Far too many students go through college with little or no knowledge of the health services available on campus.

NSU Health Services, also known as the "infirmary," is equipped to deal with a wide array of issues and is able to help about 80 percent of the students who visit. The other 20 percent of students who are sometimes unable to be helped directly can be referred to two different contracted physicians in Natchitoches.

If you're feeling sick, stopping by the infirmary should be your first step in getting well. It is staffed with licensed professionals who can provide medical advice and is equipped

with a small pharmacy stocked with common over-the-counter drugs that can be given to students who need them.

During the winter months, NSU Health Services experiences a heavier influx of students.

"We saw about 75 students a week this past month", Stephanie Campbell, NSU Health Services director said.

The staff at NSU Health Services typically deals with common colds, allergies and viruses as well as common gastrointestinal issues. They can provide students with the necessary medication and shots to help trump these illnesses and keep students in class. They are also equipped to administer all mandatory vaccines needed to attend college in Louisiana.

According to Campbell, NSU Health Services now have the ability

to help students with ADD/ADHD refill their prescriptions on campus. This service is a convenience for students who once had to endure the hassle of acquiring prescriptions via mail or external pharmacies.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 9.5 percent of American teens (5.4 million) have at some time been diagnosed with either ADD or ADHD. Applying this statistic to our own campus, we can assume that roughly 850 students who attend NSU may have the opportunity to benefit from ADD or ADHD medication refills administered on campus.

Now that this amenity is being offered, students can take full advantage of it.

NSU Health Services is located in the Infirmary Building, next door to University Police.

Dr. Julie Kane to sign books at Leesville Campus



Sarah Hale
Staff Reporter

Dr. Julie Kane, professor of English, faculty advisor of *Argus* at Northwestern State University and Louisiana Poet Laureate will sign books and visit with students on Monday at 2:15 pm. at NSU's Leesville Campus Library. Kane will also be present at the Vernon Parish Library beginning at 3:15 p.m. NSU students are encouraged to attend the informal event. Kane will answer questions and refreshments will be served.

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Thompson wins 2012 Lady of the Bracelet Pageant

Alexis Reliford
Staff Reporter

Overwhelmed with emotion and smiling, the new Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet winner was crowned. Tori Thompson, a freshman secondary education major from Humble, TX became the new face of NSU.

The 54th annual LOB pageant was held last Saturday in A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Thompson was awarded over \$8,000 in scholarships and prizes.

In addition to being crowned Lady of the Bracelet, Thompson also won first place for the talent, swimsuit and evening gown portions of the competition.

She will compete in the Miss Louisiana Pageant this summer in Monroe.

"When the bracelet was placed on my arm, I thought about all of the great women who came before me and was humbled by being

given the opportunity to wear it and represent NSU," Thompson said.

Her platform is "Volunteering: Everybody's doing it!" Thompson is encouraging teens to become volunteers and involved in their community instead of activities that could be harmful to them just because "everybody's doing it."

Thompson, a fourth-generation NSU student, raised over \$1,800 for the Children's Miracle Network through the Miss America Organization.

To prepare for the pageant, Thompson worked on her piano piece for the talent portion, practiced her interview skills, frequented the gym and avoided eating like a typical college student. Although this was her first time competing in the Miss America pageant system, LOB was not her first pageant.

"I enjoyed the entire process from the first informational meetings, to raising money for Children's Miracle Network, to

rehearsals," Thompson said.

"I even enjoyed learning the great opening number that Ruth Fruge choreographed, even though it took me longer to learn because I'm not really a dancer." Fruge is the outgoing, 2011 Lady of the Bracelet.

The Student Activities Board sponsors the Lady of the Bracelet pageant and Hope Anderson, Miss Louisiana 2011, hosted the pageant.

"I thought I might be nervous during the on-stage questionnaire, but Hope was so friendly that it was like having a conversation with a friend," Thompson said. "Waiting for crowning was extremely stressful and I really thought I might faint."

Nineteen year-old Thompson is a member of Phi Mu Fraternity, a Freshman Connector and a NSU Presidential Ambassador.

Her hobbies include playing the piano, volleyball, basketball, tennis and horseback riding.



Submitted photo

Tori Thompson is crowned Lady of the Bracelet.



Jacob Labutka
Fashion Columnist

Highlights of the Lady of the Bracelet Pageant

Last Saturday's pageant was an event marked by the presence of 10 beautiful women all vying for the chance to be named the winner of the 54th Annual Miss Northwestern-Lady of the Bracelet.

While the awards given at the end of the night were well decided, I felt it necessary to provide my own discourse on the highlights of the evening.

After the opening parade of contestants, Ruth Fruge, the 2011 Lady of the Bracelet winner fiercely walked the stage showcasing a beautiful short blue dress lined at the top and across her waist with streaks of silver shine. Over her dress was a long shawl to match which, along with her fierce stage presence, aided in gaining the audience's undivided attention.

The Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening was the well-spoken Hope Anderson, the 2011 Miss Louisiana winner. She immediately pulled at my fashionable heartstrings as she related how one of the judges had taken her for the shopping spree of her life before competing in the Miss America Pageant.

Her fabulous wardrobe for the national pageant included a Valentino dress and a pair of incredible shoes by Christian Louboutin. Anderson noted that purchasing these designers' labels made her feel as bedazzled as Julia Roberts in *Pretty Woman*.

In the swimsuit competition, I felt that Harlie Dominique had the best selection and exhibited the most confidence. Her turquoise bikini was the best color, fit well on her and its line of silver sparkles accentuated the appeal to this swimsuit.

One of the best evening gowns worn that night was Rikia Ancar's one-shoulder sparkling dress that was embellished with a silver flower brooch.

The cream colored full-length gown perfectly complemented her skin tone and elegantly fitted her contours.

One of my favorite dresses was the Tori Thompson's—the 2012 LOB winner—purple gown she wore during the talent portion of the competition. This dress' immediate appeal was its purple color (my favorite color actually) which is a beautiful and bold color for any dress. When she sat, the audience was immediately taken by surprise upon noticing the very unique interior lining of her dress: large, multi-colored polka dots.

My readers may notice that I have an affinity for sparkles given that many of the outfits I have highlighted include them. However, sparkles were certainly not the only reason behind my choosing (there is such a thing as one too many sparkles).

At the end of the night, I could honestly say that the stage held a diverse group of contestants whose beauty was accentuated not only by their fashionable gowns but also by their radiant personalities.

It's boot camp time: WRAC instructors offer ways to trim down

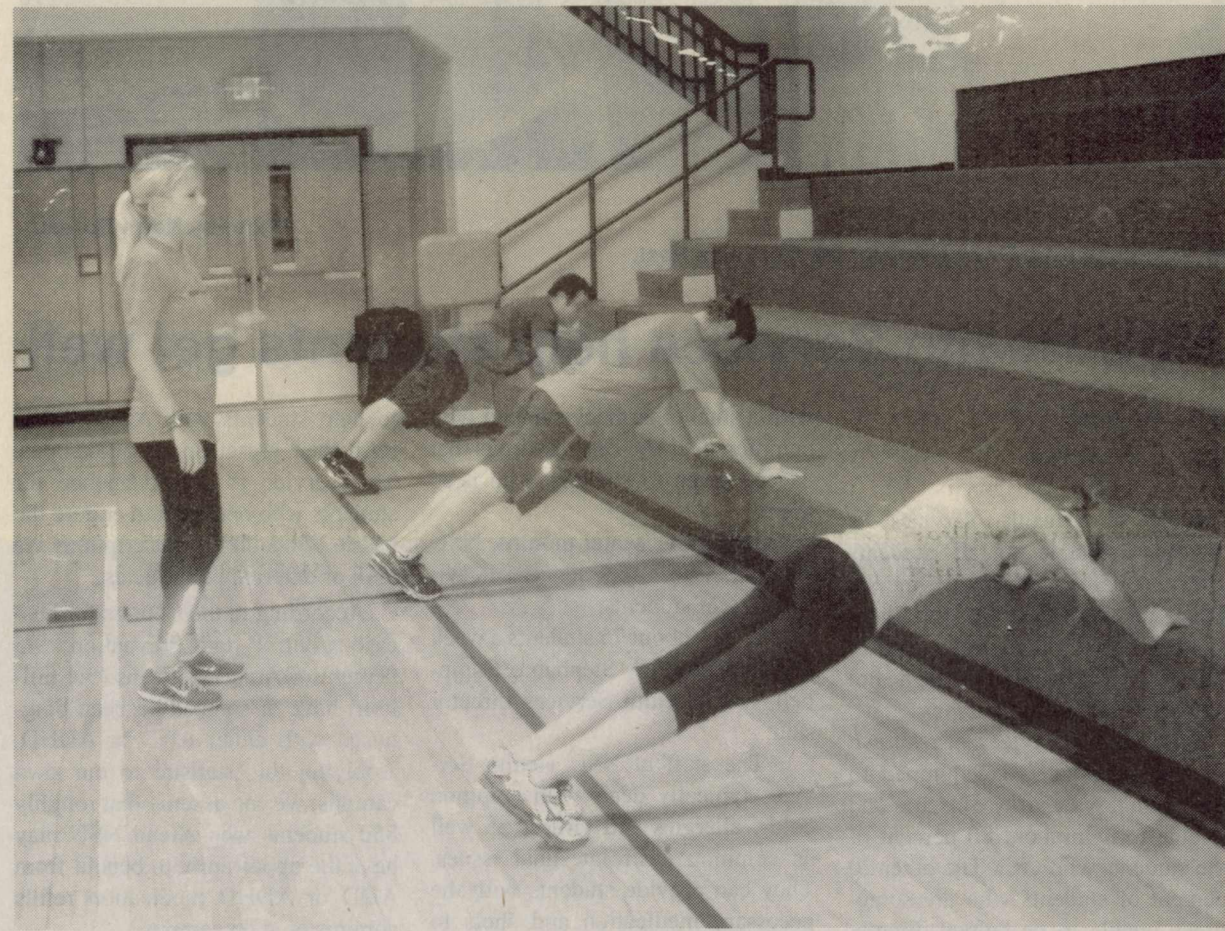


Photo by Andrea Nedorostova

Instructor Caroline Seago makes sure that participants of the Boot Camp perform every exercise right. From the left: Antonio Castro, Chris Sharplin, Chelsea Gibbs

Andrea Nedorostova
Sauce Reporter

It happens to all of us—lack of free time, loss of motivation, no determination, nobody to workout with, and plenty of other reasons. But how can you get back a desire to workout?

Boot Camp is a perfect starting point. The Boot Camp instructors are ready to cheer for you every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 a.m. in the WRAC. The Boot Camp started Jan. 18 and continues until Feb. 17.

Boot Camp is open to everyone who wants to start the day right. The price for current students and members of the WRAC is \$50 and \$95 for non-members. Participants, who will complete all 14 sessions, will get a free 30-minute massage.

The instructors try to be inventive with exercises. They want to challenge participants and keep them excited.

"If they can't do it, we

modify the exercise for them,"

Bianca Schulz, instructor said

"Their effort this early in the morning is super-good. However, sometimes they overdo it to keep up with the best," Schulz said.

WRAC Boot Camp's 14 morning sessions mean waking up at 5 a.m. to workout—not everyone's cup of tea. But according to participants, the advantage of a group workout is unbeatable.

"It is not one of those miserable workouts," Shundrika Scott, an NSU alumna said.

"We have done so many different things. It is never the same routine. The instructors are excellent," Scott, a participant in NSU WRAC Boot Camps since 2010, said.

To participate in the Boot Camp, visit the WRAC. Registration forms are located at the front desk.

For more information, call the WRAC wellness coordinator Carmel Bourg at 318-357-5331.

Valentine's Day What are you planning?

Janitza Vasquez
Sauce Reporter

Valentine's Day is around the corner, and cupid is flying around NSU ready with his bow and arrow in hand. Students are running around trying to prepare special plans for their significant others for this upcoming holiday.

NSU senior DeVry Smothers believes putting thought into his gifts will be the right way to go. His girlfriend is a part of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, whose symbol is a frog, so he decided to give her a frog as one of his gifts to her.

"Being that Natchitoches is so limited, I plan on taking her to Shreveport to her favorite restaurant, and while she's eating present her with a diamond heart necklace and the frog. The frog is meaningful to her," Smothers said.

Brittany Grove, a senior account major, has been with her boyfriend since her freshman year, and she believes that getting her boyfriend something that he wants and also needs is the best way to celebrate this Valentine's Day.

"This is going to be our fourth Valentines Day together, so we're over the trying to impress each other stage," Grove said. "He's into

fashion, so I know clothes are not only the easy but are also best way to go on Valentines Day."

While Valentine's Day is a fun holiday for most couples, it can also be a sad holiday if you're in a long distance relationship and you're reminded of the distance.

NSU linebacker and criminal justice major, Jordan Sennett has been with his girlfriend for two years, and this is the first Valentine's Day they will be apart.

"I can't physically be there with her, but I can do my best to make her feel special," Sennett said. "Her favorite flowers are yellow roses, so I plan on getting some delivered to her dorm room before her first class on Valentine's Day."

While some students at NSU are excited about the upcoming holiday, don't share the same enthusiasm.

Ashley William, a freshman nursing major, explains that she doesn't see the huge commotion that circulates around this "senseless" holiday.

"I never understood the big deal about Valentine's Day," William said. "People pick a day out of the year to show their love for one another. Shouldn't this be an everyday thing? Honestly, it's another pointless holiday made by the marketing businesses to make

money."

Williams added that she could possibly feel that way because she is normally single around this of the year, and she has never experienced Valentine's Day with a significant other.

For most people, being single on Valentine's Day can be a downer. But being single and dateless on Valentine's Day can be pleasant and even relaxing.

Amanda Cunningham, a senior, said that being single on Valentine's Day is more fun with a group of your close girlfriends than with a date or boyfriend. She believes if you're in a relationship, you're stressing over this holiday, and if you're single you don't have that problem.

"Girls act like being single on Valentine's Day is the worst thing in the world. On Valentine's Day, all my single girlfriends and me get together, exchange gifts with each other and we tell each other how amazing we all are," Cunningham said. "So there's no stressing, but just a good time."

Whether it's planning a special evening with your boyfriend or girlfriend, or an evening out with the girls, plans for Valentine's Day are in full effect. So what are you doing for this Valentine's Day?

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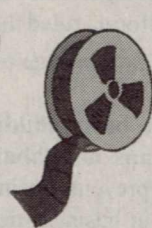
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Rants: The 'Big Game' holiday

Tom H. Lawler
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And so it came to pass that

in the year 2012 another Super Bowl successfully inspired and thrilled a nation. Abnormally, I watched the game by myself this year with homework all around me. There was no chips-n-dip, burgers or jerseys. However, such a viewing position gave me a different view of the Super Bowl.

It occurred to me all the work that goes into such an event. Never mind the players down on the field, but think of all the performers, coordinators, security and personnel needed to ensure a happy Super

Bowl for all of us spectating.

The Super Bowl is really just one big holiday.

Normally, it is the case that I do not care for holidays of any kind, but with the Super Bowl, I recognize the big deal. In one event is the epitome of American brutish, gawdy and materialistic pageantry (as quintessentially evident with Madonna being pulled out to the 50-yard line by Greek soldiers). I wholeheartedly go overboard except for this year, unfortunately.

The Super Bowl has everything that a holiday requires.

It has advertisements and reminders for weeks and months prior to the actual game. Readily available on the Internet are commercials for sweepstakes and contests to win tickets. Sometimes,

they depict the fair and radiant city (Indianapolis, seriously?) with the privilege of hosting the Super Bowl.

Of course, there are the advertisements during the game as well. You, dear reader, especially anticipate these advertisements.

The Super Bowl has one of the oldest and noblest American traditions of family. Family and friends flock to parties in each other's homes. At these parties, we gather with anticipation and beer, reminiscing on the previous season and predicting the upcoming game. Such scenes are similar to Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations.

So with the parties and excitement, I think it follows quite naturally that it ought to require time off from obligations like

school and work. This idea is even more stressed when you consider the people that travel to watch the game or to a relative's party. I am thinking time off should be given for either the Monday after or Friday before the game.

Many boring holidays exist such as Columbus Day or President's Day. We also have entire months devoted to solemn certain causes: Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Black History Month (happy BHM by the way) and even Toyota Tuck-a-thon Month.

So why not make the Super Bowl a holiday? We could get rid of one holiday to make room if we had to.

No matter its condition, Super Bowl Sunday remains as perhaps the most celebrated weekend in American culture.

We need writers!

Our newspaper needs stories written by students. Come by our office, 227 Kyser, if you would like to join.

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- Current Sauce staff

Imploring the populace: put a lid on it

Catherine Beverly
Opinions
Editor

This article is nothing more than a rant. Please try to forgive me if I insult you, but this rant has been a long time in coming.

Something that has occurred to me over this last weekend is how inconsiderate people are to others. This should have been obvious to me since I live in UPII.

From dinnertime to midnight, it seems as though people are having fits on the sidewalk near my room. If they aren't screaming (literally—not in the sense that they are talking loudly) then someone is getting into a fight with his or her significant other.

After I drown out that nonsense, I get to hear what seems to be a stampede of cattle outside of my door. It is always nice to be reminded that college is sometimes just a day care for people who pose as students.

Now it may seem that I'm going overboard in my defamation of some of my fellow students, but I've had one too many sleepless nights because of silly people.

Last Thursday, as some of you know, Natchitoches finally got a good dose of rain. Although it was wonderful for the water level of Cane River Lake, it did horrors to my sleeping schedule.

Normally, falling asleep to the sound of rain is the easiest thing to do. It becomes a more difficult task when you are listening to the echoes of girls shrieking like banshees because they got a little wet.

This isn't to say that Northwestern students are the only inconsiderate people in the world—of course not. The offense was repeated when I went to see *The Grey* at the movie theater this weekend.

I'm not against a little whispering during a movie. It is completely natural to want to speak to a friend about the plot of a movie as suspenseful as *The Grey*, but I don't recommend whipping out your cell phone and carrying on a minute-long conversation with someone.

Also, I don't think many people appreciate those people that sit in the back and cackle at the most inopportune times.

It may seem like I'm being a little grouchy, and that's definitely a reasonable observation, but I'm fed up with people who don't seem to respect my rights to a little quiet once in a while.

Yes, those people outside of UPII pay money to live there, and people pay to watch movies, but so do I. There are basic guidelines of behavior in public settings, and it seems as if they go unnoticed to many.

So next time you are out on the town, or even if you're just standing outside of a dormitory, remember to lower your voice, and maybe others will decide to respect you in the same way.

Discovering courage with student media

Taesha Johnson
Practicum
Student

In grade school, I was painfully shy and anxious

about everything. The mere thought of speaking in front of people or doing something I had never done before made me nauseous.

The summer before college I realized I would not get where I

wanted to be if I didn't try to break out of my shyness and anxiety. I decided to do things that I wouldn't normally do and push myself to the forefront.

In my freshman year of college, I was a freshman scholar for our yearbook, *The Potpourri*. When you're working in a group, you have to be able to voice your opinion or communicate in order for the group to be cohesive.

While on the yearbook staff, I had to move past my fear of interviews, asking questions for

interviews and also asking for pictures and quotes. I also joined the news team and worked as producer and an anchor that year.

Many times I had to really work through feeling nauseous and visualize myself not being so fearful. I had to consistently put myself in situations that were uncomfortable to me so that I would become more confident. Fighting through my shyness and nausea eventually paid off.

I have been working for student media for three years now, and I am

far more comfortable with public speaking or speaking with people in general than I ever was.

Working for student media is gradually assisting me in breaking out of my timid shell, and I am forever grateful for that. I am now preparing to write speeches for a communications class. Whereas, three years ago, I would have probably pleaded with the department head to sign me up for something else, today I can visualize myself getting through the

speech with minimal indicators of nervousness.

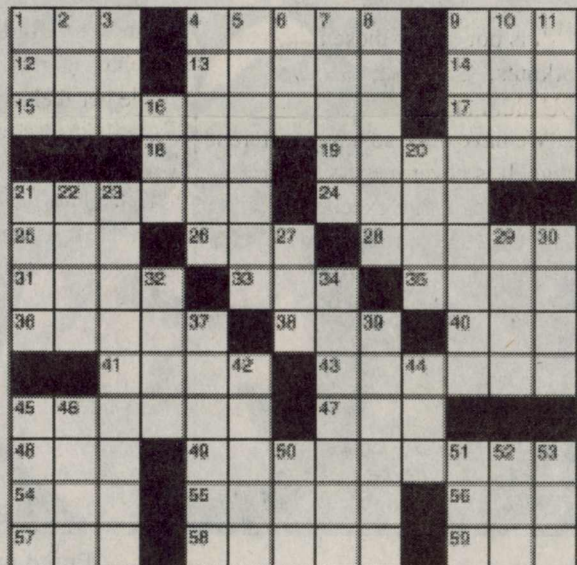
I've learned an important life skill that I'll need in the future. The best way to get rid of your fear is to face it head on. Although it won't give you a warm, cozy feeling for maybe for the first few times, it will get better after you keep putting yourself up against your fear. The fear will subside.

Thanks to student media, I am one step closer to being the person I want to be.

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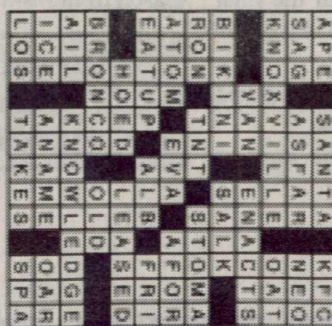
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Demons improve to five consecutive wins

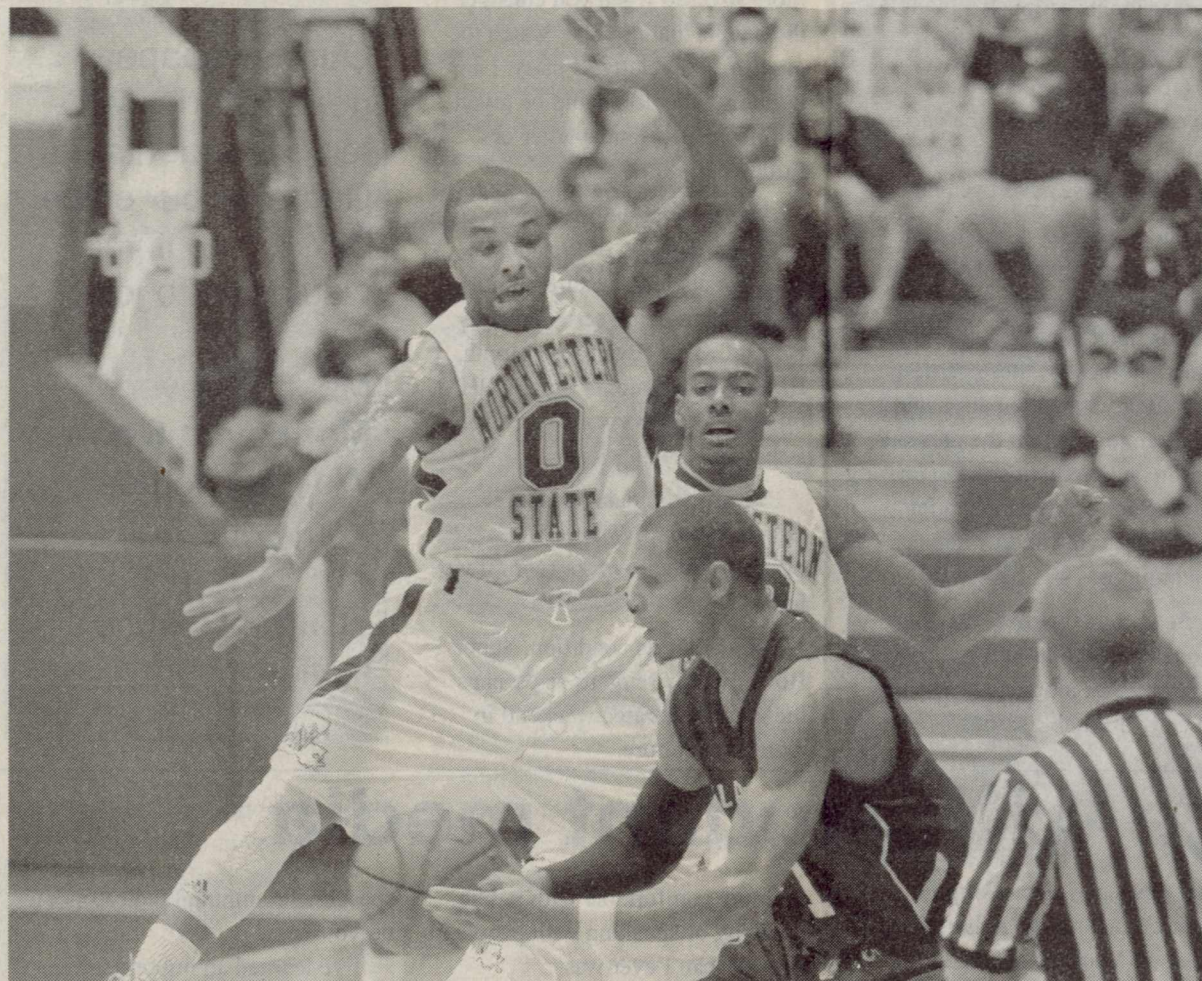
Courtesy of Sports Info:

Contributions throughout the roster were apparent Saturday as Northwestern State got 35 points off the bench, with James Hulbin breaking out of a slump as he scored 14 points helping the Demons cruise past Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 82-68 for their fifth straight Southland Conference basketball victory.

It's the best conference win streak in six seasons for the Demons, 14-9 overall and tied for second in the 12-team conference with a 7-2 league record. NSU got 17 points and four assists from Louis Ellis, who hit 4-of-5 on 3-pointers, while Shamir Davis added 15 points with four assists, sinking 7 of 8 free throws. Demons senior center William Mosley joined the Southland Conference career rebounding top 10 with his fourth of nine rebounds. Mosley has 1,036 boards for 10th in league history and is 12 away from passing Randy White of Louisiana Tech for ninth place.

While rejecting four shots, the 6-7 Mosley moved up one spot to 12th on the NCAA career blocked shots list with 430, passing 6-11 Calvin Booth of Penn State, who had 428 from 1994-99. Mosley needs seven to tie for 11th and 11 to break into the top 10.

Hulbin, who had scored only 24 points combined in the last five games, had half that many as NSU ran to a 46-35 halftime advantage,



Shamir Davis and James Hulbin trap the Corpus Christi dribbler. Demons won 82-68.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

closing the half on an 8-1 burst in the final 2:07.

Gary Roberson hit a 3-pointer and a jump shot as the Demons scored the first seven points after halftime

to go ahead 53-35. The Islanders (4-18, 3-7), despite 21 points apiece by Terence Jones and Chris Hawkins-Mast, never got closer than 11 after-ward and lost their third in a row.

"We were the aggressor during that point of the game," said 13th-year Demons' coach Mike McConathy, whose team moved to 22-4 at home in the past two years as

1,523 watched at Prather Coliseum. "That's the key to our team. When we come out and create tempo defensively, good things happen to us." Up by 19 with 4:19 to go, Northwestern ran the shot clock under 10 seconds on its remaining possessions before looking for the basket.

"Louis Ellis had a nice game and James Hulbin stepped up and drained some shots for us," McConathy said. "O.J. Evans gave us a good matchup on Jones after half-time, and held him to six second-half points, which was a key contribution for us. Tyler Washington, Marvin Frazier and Gary Roberson went on their own personal mini-runs to spark us. We're getting good contributions throughout our roster."

Mosley's latest milestones were typically understated, said McConathy. "William made some great rebounds and outlets to get us running in the second half, and we got some good transition points. The beauty is that Will's only interested in winning games and playing as hard as he can, not in all of these landmarks."

The Demons outshot the Islanders 49-40 percent, raising NSU's record to 12-0 when it outshoots the opposition and also when opponents score under 70.

Northwestern will be on the road twice next week, at Lamar on Wednesday night and visiting Southeastern Louisiana next Saturday night. The next home game for the Demons is Monday night, Feb. 13 against East Division co-leader McNeese State.

Upcoming Games



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Mosley blocks his way into history

Malcolm Kirkendoll
Sauce Reporter

Northwestern State University's all-time shot blocker passed Shaquille O'Neal for 19th on the NCAA All-Time Block list on Jan. 25 in the game versus Lamar University and is continuing to climb up the ranks.

Mosley was three blocks behind Shaquille O'Neal going into the Jan. 25 game against Lamar University. "I was more focused on getting the 'W' more than anything," Mosley said. Mosley said he didn't know he was about to pass Shaq's record until people told him and he read it on Twitter.

Mosley's ascension continued the following games.

He jumped two spots to 17th after a dominating defensive performance of six blocks against Southeastern.

In the UCA game, Mosley was limited due to foul trouble but notched five blocks that bumped him to 13th on the list. He is currently ranked 12th after Saturday's game against Corpus Christi. William Mosley, a senior from Shreveport, was the NCAA Block champion last season and is in second place, averaging 4.3 blocks a game according to ncaa.com. NCAA also rated him in the top 25 in rebounds, averaging 9.9 rebounds a game.

Standing at only 6'7," Mosley, undersized for the center position, makes up his size with tremendous



Photo by Gary Hardamon
William Mosely notches one of his many blocks.

leaping ability.

"Being undersized does give me that extra drive because I'm not as tall as other centers in the nation," Mosley said. "I can say that gives me that drive to put in nothing less than 110 percent on the defensive end of the court."

Leading the team in blocks and rebounds, Mosley is also the team's second leading scorer. Mosley said he feels no pressure being one of the leaders on the team.

Demon basketball head coach Michael McConathy explained that

Mosley's most impressive feature is his ability to be a leader.

"The beauty is that Will's only interested in winning games and playing as hard as he can, not in all of these landmarks," McConathy said.

Mosley graduated last December with a degree in general studies and is eager to win the Southland Conference Championship in March in Katy, Texas.

Mosley wants to declare himself eligible for the NBA draft at the end of the season.



Photo by Gary Hardamon
Tiandra Williams guards an opponent. She scored 20 points in the game against the Lady Islanders.

Lady Demons drop a nailbiter at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi

Matthew Fowler
Sauce Reporter

Myeisha Myles' put back basket with 2.1 seconds remaining was the game-winner for Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Saturday night in an 88-86 Southland Conference women's basketball nailbiter over visiting Northwestern State, which suffered its second straight heart-breaking defeat despite Trudy Armstead and Tiandra Williams each scoring 20-plus points.

NSU (5-17 overall, 1-8 in the Southland) tied the game with 16.7 seconds to play when 12-point scorer Jordi James sank the first of two free throws.

She missed the second and the Islanders got possession when the rebound was knocked out of bounds. A&M-CC (8-14, 4-5) moved the

ball upcourt and Armstead blocked the bid for the go-ahead basket, but Myles lassoed the rebound and scored underneath to break the tie. She finished with a game-high 27 points.

The Lady Demons inbounded before coach Jennifer Graf could call timeout and rushed upcourt. Armstead's 15-footer to tie went in, but officials reviewed the game tape and ruled it did not leave her hand before the final buzzer.

"We entered it so quick, but we got it in a great spot so there was no reason to keep yelling for a time-out because Corpus (Christi) hadn't caught up," said Graf.

NSU was in front of league-leading Central Arkansas until the final minutes Wednesday night in a 67-61 defeat.

The game-winning basket typified the Isles' offensive success.

"That was kind of the story of

the game having Miles getting inside and getting the put back or forcing our post players too far underneath the basket to get the easy stops," said Graf.

Armstead finished with 22 points, while Williams, a sophomore guard, recorded her first double-double on career bests of 20 points and 10 rebounds in 25 minutes played.

"Everybody has said that she is the most athletic player we have, and we've just needed to hone those skills and get them under control," said Graf. "We knew Tiandra had it in her for sure."

Three other Lady Demons posted double-digit scoring efforts including the fourth double-double of the season from Jasmine Upchurch, who

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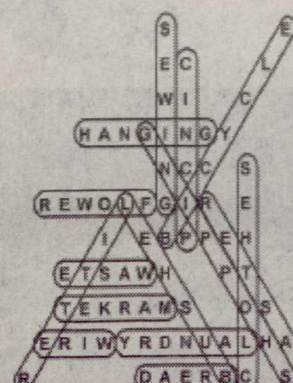
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NSU 'Oscars' honors Black History Month

Ty Johnson
Practicum Student

Helping Hands' annual Black History program opens Feb. 29 in the Magale Recital Hall at 6 p.m.

Helping Hands has its own history of presenting their Black History program through an array of creative outlets in an effort to entertain and educate at the same time.

Junior criminal justice major and Helping Hands public relations chairman, Kenneth Brown, said the program will feature dance tributes, poetry, selections by the NSU Lifted Voices Choir, skits and more.

"We're going to highlight African American achievements and honor important people others might not know about," Brown said.

Helping Hands will present the Black History program in a way they never have before. The theme and setup for the event will be modeled after the Oscar Academy Awards.

The Oscars theme will offer a red carpet for special guests, a grand opening and tributes for important leaders in Black History. Among those who will be honored are Malcolm X and the Tuskegee Airmen.

"I thought of the design when I was a freshman in Helping Hands three years ago," Brown said. "I've added to it since then. I had the opportunity to make it happen this year."

Brown is responsible for the ins

and outs of the Black History program. His responsibilities include everything from lighting and audio, to producing scripts and being an acting coach.

"It's been challenging," Brown said. "It's a tough task because there are so many tasks in different departments, but the group of people I work with are very receptive, and they're just as motivated as I am."

Brown said his responsibility to the event is important to him because Helping Hands is the first organization he joined on campus.

Brown is assured the program will have a good turnout. "We have a campus that is very supportive of RSOs," Brown said. "NSU always supports Helping Hands."

Senior computer information systems major and Helping Hands President, Kevin Blake, said he intends for everyone to take something home with them that they didn't know before about Black History.

He feels it's important to know how much America has progressed. The program will serve as a reminder and a teaching tool.

"It's good to remember the people that paved the way," Blake said. "I don't know how it feels to have gone through what they did, but I know of it. You should want to know about the people that helped you get to where you are now. That's why we will target the people others may not know about but were still a big factor in Black history. I



Photo submitted by Kevin Blake

Helping Hands members prepare for their Oscars-themed Black History Program.

think it will be educational."

Junior psychology major and Helping Hands member, Angel Johnson, has participated in the annual program for three years.

"I feel honored every year that I am a part of it," Johnson said. "Sometimes I learn something I didn't know, and other times I am reminded of something I hadn't thought about lately. It's a great

experience."

Kevin Blake is confident the event will be a success. "I think Kenneth is doing a good job in making sure we represent our history, Helping Hands and NSU in a positive light,"

"In the past, we've always done an excellent job with the program, and I want to build from that and keep it going," Blake added.

The Black History program is open for all RSOs to lend a hand and participate.

Blake encourages people from all walks of life to attend and celebrate humanity overcoming adversity.

"It's not just about color," Blake said. "It's about the message of our history. It's about unity and being unified as a nation."

Students tougher than economic times, juggling jobs and school

Aaron Dean
Sauce Reporter

Costs of food, board and tuition have risen by a cumulative 9.99 percent since fall 2010 according to NSU's archived tuitions and fees. For many students, it has become a necessity to find a job.

"Approximately 600 students are employed on campus, but the number fluctuates by about 50 every month," Dawn Bauman, head of Student Employment said.

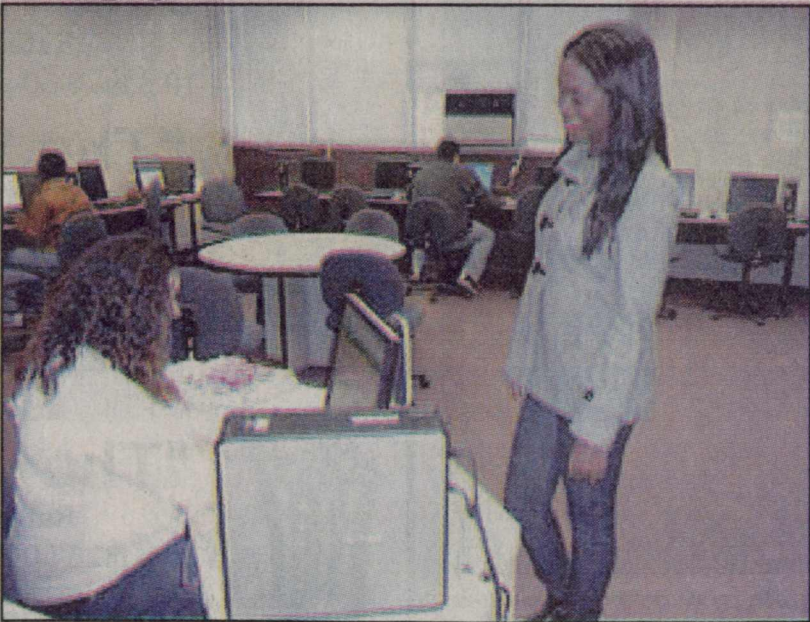
The money does not come easily. Students have to stack time spent working with studying, leaving them less time for themselves.

"Brookshire's is pretty good about not scheduling you during your classes," Austin Burns said.

"But they'll usually have you working within the hour you get out of school. You have to set aside hours for studying. That way, when they ask which hours you're available to work, you won't give them hours that leave you no time to study."

Burns, like many student workers, sought a job to help him pay for college expenses. He admits he does not have as much time for his RSOs, but he still manages to be apart of their planned events.

"If you ask for a day off at least a week ahead, they'll usually give it to you," Burns said. "You really have to manage your time, otherwise you won't have any."



Submitted Photo

Nancy Yerby, a sophomore family and consumer science major, helps Meshelle Mangum, a junior social work major, in Kyser computer lab.

Not every job competes with study time though. Some campus jobs such as working in the library allow students to study while working.

Students such as Johnathan Jackson and Trayvin Cooper work at the library.

"As long as the work gets done, they don't mind if you study," Jackson said. "On campus jobs work with your schedule. The library is easier to work at because they schedule around my classes."

Jackson had issues with his former job because his work hours clashed with his school hours. He warns students to find a job they like because they'll have that job all semester.

Cooper said he did much of his work in the library. He warns students who are searching for a job to watch whom they associate with.

"If your employer sees you hanging around with people they don't think are good people, they might start to think you're like them. They'll find somebody else to work if they don't think you take your job seriously," Cooper said.

NSU offers services to those students who are looking for jobs. The Counseling and Career Services located in room 305 of the Student Union helps students prepare resumes, and they also conduct mock interviews.



Washington and New Jersey progress same-sex marriage: Washington governor signed a bill Monday legalizing gay marriage in the respective state. New Jersey Senate passed a vote in favor of a similar bill.

Florida college student killed by hazing: Robert Champion Jr. was allegedly beaten to death in a hazing event at Florida A&M. No one has been charged for the death yet.

Midwest militia prepared to attack America: Seven members of a militia group in the midwest were plotting against police members and were preparing for war. David Stone, the leader, is on trial as are three of his family members and three other militia members. A federal trial has started in Detroit.

Scholars' seniors donate to shelter

Contessa Wills
Sauce Reporter

The Scholars' College Senior Colloquium class presented D.O.V.E.S (Domestic Violence Education and Support) Inc., a non-profit domestic violence shelter serving Natchitoches Parish, with \$245.

The money came from an event from last semester. The class hosted a dinner and movie night featuring the screening of "We're All Angels" to raise gender awareness.

Their intention was to help students gain "a better understanding of different lifestyles" said Kyle May, the student who spearheaded the fundraising event.

The documentary focuses on Jason and DeMarco, who are homosexual Christian musicians. They are having a hard time finding acceptance within the Christian music community.

May says that there was a bit of drama involving students who did

not want the documentary shown.

"We wanted to have an open discussion on an issue not usually brought up,"

Tara Luck, another student of the colloquium class said, "these are hard topics to tackle. I am Southern Baptist and this isn't something that is usually discussed."

Dr. Holly Stave, the course instructor would like for her students and others to get rid of the notion that there are two genders. There is a difference between biological sex, gender and gender identity.

According to Planned Parenthood.org, biological sex is how we are defined as female, male or intersex. It describes our sexual and reproductive anatomy, genetic makeup and hormones. Gender is a mixture of our behaviors, beliefs and characteristics while gender identity refers to how we feel about ourselves and how we express ourselves in our gender roles.

Stave said: "There are many genders. For example, biologically-sexed women who are very mas-

culine but who are heterosexual. There biologically-sexed men who are very masculine but who are homosexual and the list goes on and on and on. These days, more and more people are deciding they are 'gender-queer,' which means they refuse the binary altogether and will not be one or the other, but both at the same time. And there is no problem with that."

Luck feels that she has learned much in this course about gender identification. She asserts that despite the fact that we will always identify people, in part, by their gender, it is important to be open to letting people be who they are and not force them to conform to our strict gender stereotypes.

Senior Colloquium is a mandatory course for graduating seniors of Louisiana Scholars' College, one of seven undergraduate colleges at Northwestern State University. The purpose of the class is to address issues in society.



Leesville Interim Director named

Sarah Hale
Staff Reporter

Dr. Randy Haley is the new Interim Executive Director at NSU's Leesville Campus. He received undergraduate and graduate degrees in social work and history from Louisiana State University. He is editing a book about his father's experiences as a prisoner during World War II.

60 attend Scholars' Day

Jessica Viator
Sauce Reporter

Scholars' Day last Saturday had the largest amount of visiting prospective students since the college was founded in 1987.

Over 60 students came in from La, Ak and Texas to visit the campus. Besides touring the campus, the prospective students also observed classes ranging from biology to World War II.

The students were then brought to the Student Union and introduced to many on-campus organizations and services.

Finally, the potential newcomers toured the University Place II dorms and had a Q&A session with current students.

Parents also had their own questions answered at a separate panel with the Scholars' faculty.

Scholars' recruiter Whintey Cochina commented, "Scholars' Day is really integrated look at Louisiana Scholars' College and caters to both the students and the parents."

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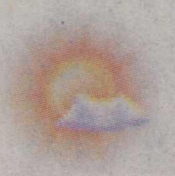
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Pictured above: members of the African American Caucus. The organization aims to represent the interest of African-American college students.

AAC encourages involvement on campus

Jordan White
Sauce Reporter

Have you been wondering how you could get more involved on campus or even which RSO to join?

Well, the African American Caucus may be for you. The African American Caucus, better known as AAC, is here to serve the community and the students of Northwestern State University. It was previously known as the Black Student Organization.

"We were founded on April 4, 1991, and later in 2008 our name was changed to African American Caucus," Kenneth Brown, AAC

President, said.

The African American Caucus was restored by the efforts of Marcus Sanders, a NSU alumnus, in fall 2009.

AAC's mission is "to represent the interest of African American college students and the greater African American community by providing awareness of societal issues, service to our community and organizing informal and social events on campus."

Events such as the Voter Registration Drive and AAC Movie Night reflect their mission.

You may be thinking, why should I join AAC?

"AAC is an organization where

you directly affect your peers and your community," Brown said.

It's a chance to interact with not only fellow students, but also community leaders. We allow you to be proactive as a citizen in Natchitoches, La."

If community service and being a leader on campus interest you, then AAC just might be the organization you have been looking for.

AAC meetings are held every Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. following the Helping Hands meeting in the Cane River Room of the Student Union. To join, come to the meetings and participate in the

events and services provided. Also, you can join the Orgsync network at NSU, which is a Web site for recognized student organizations, and request to join the organization.

AAC will host a Black History Program on Feb. 29. There will be music, poetry performances, presentations on influential people in Black history and many other things. AAC can also be found on Facebook and Twitter. Look out for upcoming events later on in the semester including forums and a fashion show.

There is no time like the present so scour the campus to find out ways that you can be of service!

Smell Goods: The Unknown Accessory



Jacob Labutka
Fashion Columnist

At the very least, the majority of college students take a shower and (hopefully) put on deodorant to not smell like they just came out of The Body.

However, I must insist that it is good for one's own senses and those of others around to apply what I will hereby deem "the smell good."

A pleasant fragrance emanating from oneself is more than the dryer sheets that make your clothes smell like lavender or a summer's breeze (though that certainly helps).

There are a wide variety of body sprays and perfumes just waiting to be bought, but one must not be too hasty in making this purchase.

Any savvy scent shopper cannot pass up one particular store: the paradise that is Bath & Body Works.

The girl looking to breeze by a crowd and leave behind the scent of a tropical paradise (or the guy looking to leave behind smell of Noir) can feel as good they smell by participating in the store's buy two get one free sale.

No matter where you find your body sprays, they will typically be the cheaper options. Several mists from the bottle will do the trick, but unfortunately, the power of this smell will more than likely diminish in about an hour. Thus, your next option is buying fragrances typically sold in department stores.

Even Fergie knows that "Dolce & Gabbana, Fendi and that Donna Karan" are some of the market's

best fragrances.

Anyone that wants to turn the heads of prospective suitors must be able to properly shop through the fragrance department.

Do not be deceived by the pretty bottles and fancy shelves because not all fragrances were created equal. However, much of how a fragrance smells on you depends on your body chemistry.

Many scents in the Clinique collection smell absolutely amazing (especially the Get Happy gift set I alluded to in my last column).

However, fragrance lines like Clinique have a lighter flowery base, and the scent will wear off within an hour for those of us like myself with body chemistries that resist cosmetic scents.

There are designers such as D&G and Armani whose fragrances smell incredible and fight skin that resists foreign smell goods.

Celebrities have even gotten in on the fragrance franchise with all of your favorites expanding their brand with a fragrance.

Sarah Jessica Parker's fragrances, Lovely and Covet are bestsellers. Even Britney Spears' scents are still flying off the shelves. Whether you go with your favorite designer fragrance or something by your favorite celeb, you can't go wrong.

Although these designers come at a hefty price, they have a stronger base, which means that it only takes a spray or two to have a lasting scent, and the amount in the fragrance bottle will last longer.

To sum it all up: apply a mist of body spray if you intend to go out for an hour or spray some dependable designer fragrance to stay as fresh as you would be after a shower.

NSU poetry organization prepares for next slam

Angela Owusu-Duku
Sauce Reporter

Natchitoches, LA—Poetry in the form of spoken word will fill the air at the Brainy Acts Poetry Society's first outdoor slam Feb. 28.

BAPS is hosting the free event in the Sabine Hall parking lot at 7 p.m. Comprised of NSU students, the team of poets prepare for the upcoming slam entitled, *War*.

Clemence Heard, the organization's founder, said he anticipates a record student turnout for the group's sixth slam. The senior graphic arts major is the "brains" behind spoken word poetry resurfacing Northwestern's campus. He prides himself on teaching and encouraging writers to write with

feeling and recite it with a theatrical touch.

"Poetry is God. God is everything to me, so is poetry," Heard said.

Currently, a majority of the 24 members will participate in the upcoming event. Janasia Smith, a junior social work major, is one of the featured poets in the *War* slam.

"Poetry is the art of expression," Smith said. "I anticipate people being touched by the words spoken."

BAPS was founded April 2010. Northwestern has rewarded the organization with the Educational Commitment to Excellence Award for their leadership role in educating students through poetry. The organization is open to all NSU students.



Photo by Angela Owusu-Duku
BAPS poses after the Controversy slam.

WRAC offers fun, new way to shape up

Membrie Gibbons
Staff reporter

Zumba, a new group exercise class is now offered at the NSU WRAC. Students are welcome to attend the class to have fun and get their heart rates up.

Zumba is a Latin dance-inspired fitness program that mixes dance elements with aerobics. The class offers students the opportunity to have a unique and fun way of working out.

The class offers a little something for everyone. The dance moves come from a variety of different styles including hip-hop, soca, samba, salsa, merengue, mambo, martial arts and some Bollywood and belly dance moves.

Due to the increasing popularity of the class, it is now held in the gym at the WRAC instead of dance studio on the free-weights floor. The WRAC wanted to allow everyone who had an interest in Zumba to be able to participate, and since the class is held in the gym, more people can participate.

Deanna Bourgeois, a freshman nursing major in the Louisiana Scholars' College, liked the energy the Zumba class and instructor brought.

"The class is so energetic and fun," Bourgeois said. "The instructor is always getting the group pumped up. You can feel the energy as soon as the class starts. I love it!"

It's not only the girls that enjoy Zumba, but guys are participating in the class as well.

Marquez Wilson, a sophomore psychology major thoroughly enjoys the class.

"I go just about every time I can—Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays," Wilson said. "I really like it because it's up-tempo, fun, and you kind of forget you're even exercising!"

Zumba is a fitness progress that welcomes anyone regardless of sex, age or fitness level.

Zumba is held in the WRAC's gym on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Come check it out!

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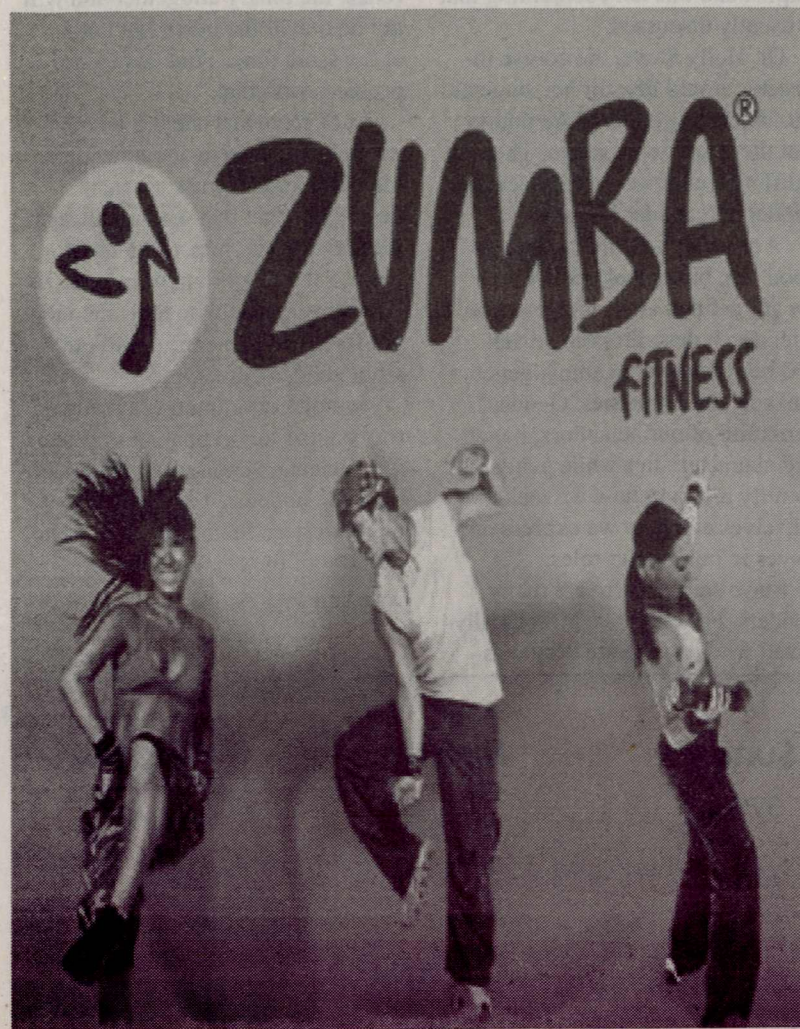
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Rants: Buying your friends



Tom H. Lawler
Opinions
Columnist

I heard recently that Facebook will be selling stock to the public soon. Forbes Magazine and the Wall Street Journal report that the company plans to go public in the second quarter of this year (April to June).

The question that remains is now: "Should I buy stock in Facebook?"

I would be hesitant to buy, but let me say that I am in no way a financial guru. I should not be held accountable if you base your

investments off of advice from my column.

The reason I would be hesitant to buy is because Facebook does not offer a tangible product. It provides the ability to participate in a virtual world of friends, but little else.

Neither does it rely on resources other than electricity and the company's employees. It seems that Facebook, if it soon becomes a part of the public market, would have no real connection to any other sector.

Also, its leader is a college drop-out (albeit, one from Harvard.) By May I will be one up on Zuckerberg. Go me.

However, as I read through

these articles, the question then changes from buying this stock (since there is no way in heck I could afford it) to the success of going public for Facebook in general.

Both of the previously mentioned articles in the Wall Street Journal and Forbes Magazine reported that Groupon (remember that ol' thing?) is down and that the online business directory LinkedIn is also down. So what might that mean in regard to Facebook's emergence in the public market?

I do not think it will be a big flop, but I cannot imagine that it will stay the next hottest thing out there. Most of the stock exchange is based on emotion anyway. Like the two other sites above (Groupon actually sold a product I ought to mention), it will spike in the first few months, or even a year, but it will be coming down soon enough.

It is the way the market works.

Less importantly, I would love

to see Zuckerberg's baby come crashing and burning. Something about him just makes my skin crawl and bowels burn.

But say that all of us were able to buy stock, would we want to?

Owning a piece of Facebook would be like owning you and your friend's good memories and times. When you read this and go message a friend about a party later, that would be your money right there. You would own a piece of that.

Imagine going out for coffee with someone and 'owning' that experience. It freaks me out just thinking about it.

Like I said, I am not a financial guru, and there are many questions about the role of the virtual world still needing answers. What Facebook wants to do with its money is, I suppose, its business.

The last question is: should Facebook be our business?

Waitresses deserve respect



Catherine Beverly
Opinions
Editor

Two weeks ago I got a new job as a waitress and for the most part I have a pretty good thing going for me. Sure, I get paid a "waitress's salary," but the tips make up for that.

The only complaint I have to lodge is that a (very) small percentage of people seem to have misunderstandings about waitresses.

The first misunderstanding is that we are perfect. If a customer corrects me when I take out their food ("I ordered another side with this!") or something along those lines, I've learned to serenely apologize for my mistake, if it was my fault or not.

I have no problem with this, but it seems that the customers can sometimes that I make mistakes. When I make a mistake (I might forget to bring out your glass of ice or hand you the wrong food) you can't condemn me. I'm human and just as fallible as you are. When I listen to your whispered order over the din of a nearby party, I may err.

My next, and biggest, complaint is about how waitresses are treated

by some people. I'm not saying all people, because the majority of customers are wonderful to me, but one or two people can ruin it.

I'll have a conversation with you if you'd like. I don't mind getting to know the customers if I'm not busy. I just cannot stand one more person calling me "babe" or telling me dirty jokes. If it happens again, I feel like I'm going to scream the injustice.

What gives someone the right to make lewd comments to me as I bring out their iced tea? Is it because I'm reliant on them for tips? It's sad that it has only been three weeks, yet I'm already tired of this happening to me.

I am not here to amuse you. I'm here to serve as your communication between the dining area and the kitchen.

So please, don't tell me or any of the other people I work with that you "like the way we move" or, heaven forbid, ask us to dinner (again). It's inappropriate and makes us feel slimy and gross.

I just wish there was a way that I could force these few people to treat me like they would a daughter (or a granddaughter, in the case of the old man that has made rude comments towards my fellow waitresses).

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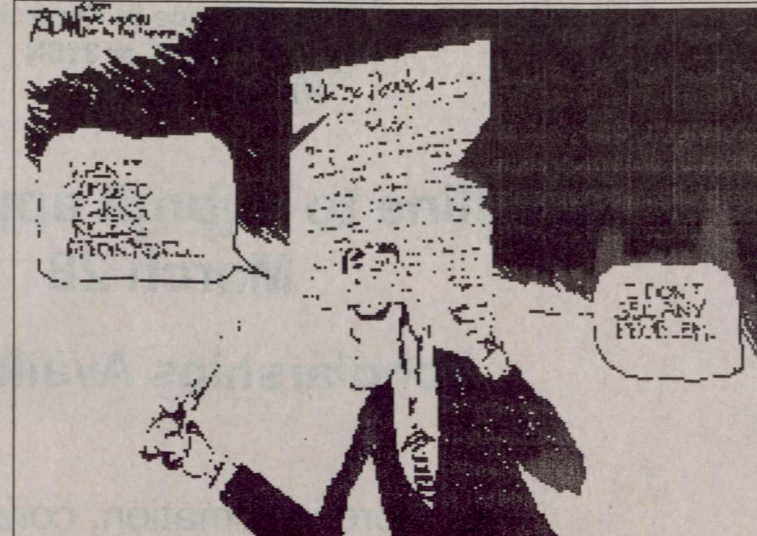
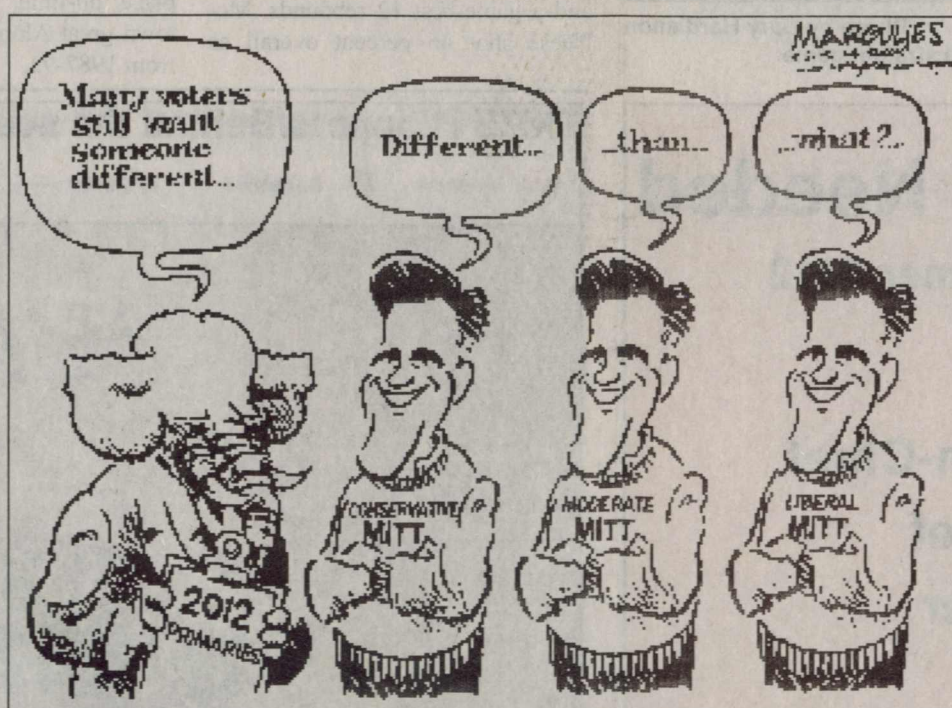
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NSU bats explode in win over Grambling

Robbie Kleinmuntz
Sauce Reporter

Highlighted by a two-run homer by Tiffany Ward, the Northwestern State softball team saw its bats come to life against Grambling State on Sunday, as the Lady Demons went on to win 10-1 in five innings in the final game of the ULM Mardi Gras Classic.

"We had much better decision-making at the plate in this game," said head coach Donald Pickett. "We were more relaxed in the batter's box, and didn't put too much pressure on ourselves or try to do too much."

NSU (2-3) had only scored a combined nine runs in its opening four games, but found its rhythm at the plate against GSU (0-5). Kylie Roos (1-2) picked up the win, while Angela Perez (0-4) took the loss. Roos threw four innings, letting up just one run on one hit and struckout four.

"Kylie really came out and set the tone on the mound. She threw the ball the way that she normally does," Pickett said.

Cassandra Barefield, Blair Beard and Cali Burke all registered multi-hit games, as the Lady Demons out-hit the Tigers 10-1. Barefield also brought in three RBI, while Ward's big blast counted for two.



Tiffany Ward makes good contact with the ball. She had two homeruns in win over Grambling State.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

"Our girl's were able to take advantage of some good pitches to hit. We saw the ball well, and just continued to push those runs across," Pickett said.

In the top of the 1st inning, GSU's leadoff hitter was hit by a pitch, and advanced to third after a couple groundouts. GSU clean-up hitter Amanda Lester then singled in the run to give the Tigers the early advantage - 1-0 GSU.

The Lady Demons had a big re-

sponse in the bottom half, as Tara McKenney started it off with a walk and stole second. Jordan Palmer followed with a single up the middle, and advanced to second on the throw as McKenney moved to third. Britany Virgoe tallied a RBI groundout, scoring McKenney and pushing Palmer to third. Samantha Roberts then notched a RBI single to centerfield, scoring Palmer.

Still in the first, Roos walked and Beard singled to leftfield to get Rob-

erts to third, and loaded the bases. Barefield then came through with a 2 RBI single to right-center, scoring Roos and Roberts - 4-1 NSU.

NSU continued to pour it on in the 3rd, as Roos got it started with a leadoff walk. She then moved to second on a wild pitch and advanced to third on a groundout. Barefield picked up a RBI single to left field, which led to Ward's damaging centerfield homer.

"It was a big hit and it definitely

opened up the game a little bit for us. She was looking for a good pitch to drive, and she came through," Pickett said on Ward's home run. "It's big for a senior to step up like that and put a team away when we had the chance to do so."

Though the Lady Demons weren't done yet in the frame, as Burke reached on an infield single and advanced to second when McKenney walked. Virgoe then notched her second RBI of the game with a single to right-center, scoring Burke - 8-1 NSU.

Continuing to apply pressure in the 4th, Beard smashed a double down the right field line, and scored on the next play when Ward reached second on a fielding error. Burke then singled to center to score Ward - 10-1 NSU.

Sara Aasness came in and pitched a perfect inning of relief, striking out the side in the 5th inning before the mercy rule was applied.

"We still have a lot of work to do before we get to where we need to be," Pickett said. "We're a good team, we just have to keep working hard and improving each time we take the field."

NSU will look to keep the bats going on Wednesday when it plays its home opener against Jackson State at 4 p.m. at the Lady Demon Diamond Complex.

Upcoming Games



Home Game

Jackson State Feb. 16

ULL Mardi Grad Classic

vs. LA Tech Feb. 17

vs. North Carolina Feb. 17

vs. ULL Feb. 18

vs. Texas-El Paso Feb. 19

vs. Northwestern Feb. 19

vs. Baylor (DH) Feb. 21



NSU continues to slide: Cowboys hand Demons third straight loss

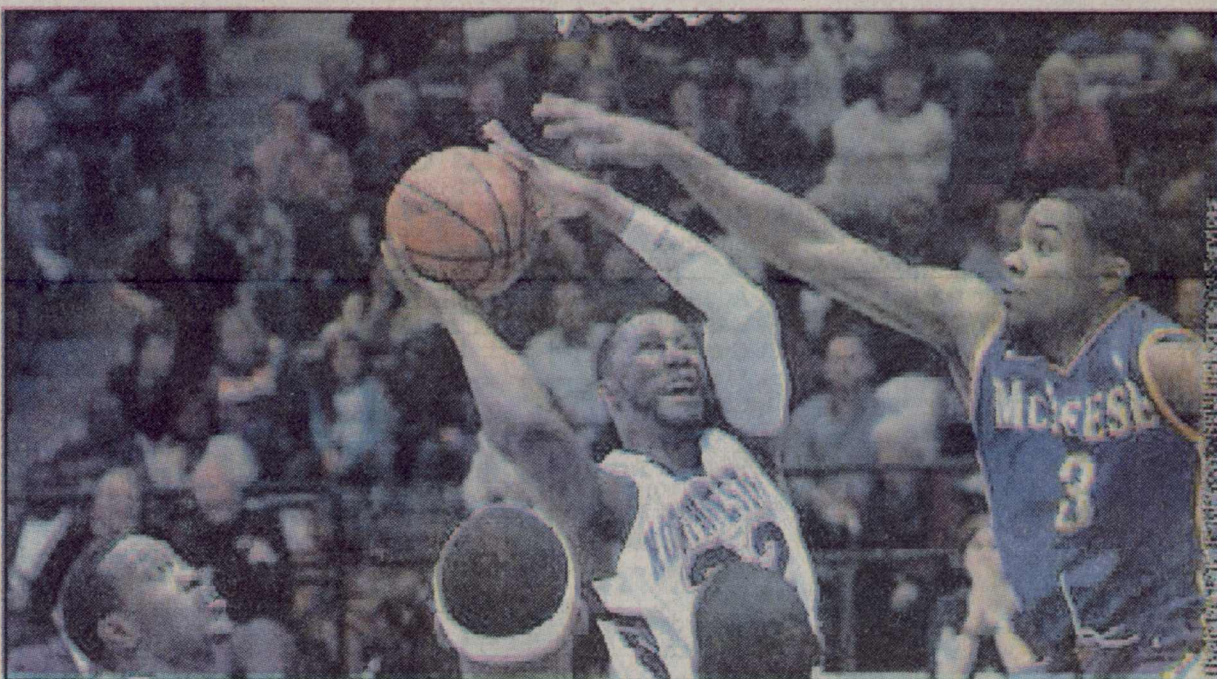


Photo by Gary Hardamon

Louis Ellis makes a tough shot over a McNeese defender. Demons lost its third straight game.

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Patrick Richard's 20 points and a commanding 51-33 rebounding advantage spurred red-hot McNeese State over a suddenly-struggling Northwestern State basketball team Monday night in a 70-61 Southland Conference basketball game before 2,233 at Prather Coliseum.

The Cowboys (13-10 overall, 9-2 in the Southland) won their sixth in a row since falling 64-61 on Jan. 21 to Northwestern at home. The Demons (14-12, 7-5) dropped their third in a row after a five-game winning streak that began with the last-second triumph at McNeese.

Dontae Cannon added 17 points while Rudy Turner posted 10 points and a game-best 12 rebounds. McNeese shot 46 percent overall as

Northwestern made only 33 percent of its shots.

Shamir Davis, making 7 of 9 free throws, topped NSU with 13 points while Louis Ellis scored 10.

NSU senior center William Mosley blocked three shots and moved into the NCAA career top 10 in that category. He passed New Orleans Hornets' center Emeka Okafor, who had 441 at Connecticut from 2001-04; Deng Gai of Fairfield, who had 442 from 2000-05; and tied Shawn James, who swatted 443 while playing for both Northeastern and Duquesne in a career that ended in 2008.

Mosley is one block away from tying Ohio State's Ken Johnson, who finished his career with 444 in 2001, and needs 10 to move into fifth place all-time, matching Georgetown great Alonzo Mourning's 453 from 1987-92.

The Cowboys never trailed, leading 33-25 at halftime and scoring the first six points of the second half to create a double-digit advantage they maintained until the final half-minute. The Demons fell behind by as many as 22 points at 60-38 with 7:02 to go.

"First, McNeese played very well," said Demons' coach Mike McConathy. "They have the same kind of swagger and flow that we had just over a week ago. They are playing smart, tough basketball. We're trying real hard, but we're in a rough patch. I was proud of how we battled to stay in it tonight."

The Demons are off until a non-conference Sears BracketBusters game at 2:30 Saturday afternoon in Prather Coliseum against Campbell. NSU's next conference game is at home Feb. 22 against Sam Houston State.

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TNRS Bloopers/Behind the scenes Episodes 1-4



Nic Russo, a communications senior and Demon football punter, airs a bloopers segment of his show. Log on to YouTube and search for "demonkicker18" for more episodes of "The Nic Russo Show."

Demon football players hosts popular YouTube Show

Alexis Reliford
Staff Reporter

Behind a helmet, shoulder pads and a Demon jersey is a student with a thing for a video camera.

"The Nic Russo Show" has been reaching viewers across NSU's campus for about a year and is hosted by Demon senior football player Nicolas Russo.

The show covers a variety of topics with segments about sports, relationships and college life in general.

"I made a video one time talking about Spring Break, and the

response I got was overwhelming," Russo said. "I figured since I like being in front of a camera, and I like to make people laugh, I could do it on a weekly basis."

The communication major uses social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter to advertise his show as well as word of mouth. What other fun way is there to advertise this fast growing show?

"I even have shirts that I'm selling that have *The Nic Russo Show* logo and my face on it," Russo said.

Each episode of "The Nic Russo Show" has well over a hundred views, and the number of hits is

rapidly growing. Russo hopes to see his show expand in the near future and his fan base grow beyond NSU students and family members. Who knows?

The next YouTube Internet sensation might be currently located in the small town of Natchitoches. Russo, a kicker and punter for the Demon football team is a native of Grand Prairie, Texas. According to Russo, football, schoolwork and the show take up just about every hour that he is awake.

"I'm always busy, but I am a true Demon fan, and you can find me at every Demon sporting event," Russo said.

Field exercise tests ROTC cadets' abilities

Andrew Bordelon
Sauce Reporter

Many NSU students may have enjoyed recuperating from the Mardi Gras holidays by waking up late, grabbing a big lunch and continuing on with the semester and their afternoon classes.

But a small, select group of students had different plans as they woke up early Wednesday morning and prepared to be physically and mentally tested.

NSU ROTC cadets headed to Camp McCain, MS. to participate in the Joint Field Training Exercise with 17 other schools in the southeastern region. They prepared for their final test this summer, the Leadership Development and Assessment Course, or LDAC.

The cadets began their training with the Army Physical Fitness Test, or APFT, consisting of three events: push-ups, sit-ups and a two-mile run. Junior nursing major Joyce Cummings was the highest scoring cadet for NSU, earning a total of 281 points on a scale of 300.

Next, cadets took a written land navigation exam that tested their knowledge of map reading and their ability to locate specific points on a map.

Once the written tests were completed, the cadets headed into the several thousands of acres of thick Mississippi woods to demonstrate their competence in a hands-on test. They were required to find at least five of the eight grid coordinates, or points, given to them. Cadets had only five hours to complete the day-time navigation course using just a map and a compass.



Brett Guse, senior engineering major pulls security in a patrol base during a squad tactical exercise lane.

Photo by Andrew Bordelon

Meals Ready to Eat, or MRE's, helped revive cadets while recuperating from the hours of locating points. Then, the time came for their next challenge.

Darkness fell over the thick woodland hills as cadets prepared for the last part of their navigation test, which required them to locate at least three out of five points in just three hours in the black, cloud-covered night.

Junior secondary education major Bradley Hubbs passed all

three of the land navigation tests on his first attempt. He explained how much of a challenge the terrain and distance he had to overcome to complete the hands-on course.

"You could not take your time on anything because the distance from points was so great," Hubbs said. "The terrain was bad too."

Hubbs added that large patches of thorn bushes and stretches of creek beds added to the challenge and even delayed vital time trying to move from point to point.

Cadets settled down in several small areas in the woods that they had to keep secure themselves. These patrol bases taught them how to maintain a secure area and organize their teams into groups that would rotate turns to eat, sleep and pull security.

Finally, cadets participated in a dozen Squad Tactical Exercises, or STX Lanes in order to test their leadership abilities in a simulated combat scenario.

They must utilize battle drills used by active duty soldiers while maintaining control of an eleven-person squad. Experienced army officers and enlisted soldiers evaluated each cadet in leadership dimensions relevant to their future careers as officers, such as: confidence, interpersonal tact, physical fitness, and sound judgment to name just a few.

"The lane was challenging especially because we were with people from other schools who

aren't used to the same tactics we use," Brittany Jeanice, senior health and exercise science major, said.

Jeanice is going to LDAC for the second time due to changing her major, and she stated she feels more pressure on herself to do better because of her experience. Cadets have two years to graduate after passing the course or must return to take it again.

"The hardest part of it for me was maintaining control over eleven different people with different personalities," Jeanice said.

Jeanice's performance did not go unnoticed. Major John Carvan, the Executive Commander of the Demon Battalion at NSU, received comments from Jeanice's evaluator on her STX Lane, stating she was one of the best cadets he had evaluated.

Major Carvan stated the purpose of the exercise is to gain an honest assessment of the cadets' abilities prior to attending LDAC. Cadets were also competing against other schools in the region while training.

"The [staff] is exceptionally proud of the NSU cadets' ability to compete against nationally ranked schools like LSU, University of Alabama and Mississippi State University," Major Carvan said.

NSU's scores were on par with some schools that brought more than twice the amount of students to the exercise.

"They did a great job holding their ground," he added.

Now the cadets will learn from their accomplishments and mistakes made during the training and build on that knowledge before leaving for LDAC.

Magale Recital Hall renovations underway

J. C. Bryants
Sauce Reporter

Magale Recital Hall is continuing to undergo renovations to modernize the building.

Dr. Burt Allen, professor and Coordinator of Music, is excited to see the renovations come into fruition in the Creative and Performing Arts Building (commonly referred to as CAPA).

"These renovations have been on the drawing board for years," Allen said.

"It's just really nice to walk into the [Magale] Recital Hall and see nice, new carpet and a refinished

stage," Allen added.

The renovations began last summer with the replacement of the large stage curtain in Magale Recital Hall. The curtain was old and faded, and it was actually the original curtain from when the building was first built in 1982-1983.

In addition to the new stage curtain, the original 1980s recital hall carpet was also replaced. The old carpet was ripped, stained, wrinkled, and according to Allen, "capable of tripping people if they weren't paying attention."

Magale's stage was also resurfaced, as it went through nearly thirty years of traffic and the transportation of music stands and instruments.

Magale Recital Hall was not the

only part of CAPA to see new renovations.

Nearly all of the carpet in CAPA has been replaced with new textured design carpet.

Also, the percussion studio will have a new addition of practice rooms. There was once a spacious and sparsely used art room near the percussion studio.

This room is now being converted into practice rooms specifically to be used by percussion students. The dimensions of each room are geared to facilitate ease in moving larger instruments, such as five-octave marimbas and timpani.

According to Ken Green, Director of Percussion, these practice rooms

should be finished by the end of this semester.

Students are already appreciative of CAPA's renovations.

"I'm really excited to have these practice rooms", Nathan Glassy, a percussion student, said.

"It'll be nice to have somewhere other than the hallway to practice marimba," Glassy added.

The only renovation left to be completed in Magale is the installment of handrails along the stairs to improve safety while navigating to seats, especially for the elderly.

Dr. Allen is thankful that NSU is helping keep the Creative and Performing Arts building fresh and modern.

University to host State Jazz Festival



News Bureau

Northwestern State University hosts the annual Louisiana Association of Jazz Educators State Jazz Festival Saturday, March 3 in Magale Recital Hall. Admission is free and open to the public. High school and middle school jazz ensembles from throughout Louisiana will perform along with groups from Northwestern State, McNeese State and the University of Arkansas-Monticello.

National

News

Lin-sanity flavor deemed racist: Ben & Jerry's ice cream are removing the fortune cookies from their new ice cream flavor, Lin-sanity, based on the popular Asian-American NBA star.

School shooting in Ohio high school: A student gunman killed one person and injured four with a handgun in an Ohio school cafeteria on Monday.

Maryland to legalize gay marriage: The governor of Maryland intends to sign a bill this Thursday making same-sex marriage legal. This will be the eighth state to legalize gay marriage.

2012 Oscar winners: Best Picture: *The Artist*

Best Actor: Jean Dujardin (*The Artist*)

Best Actress in Leading Role: Meryl Streep (*The Iron Lady*)

Best Directing: Micheal Hazanavicius (*The Artist*).

Best Animated Film: *Rango*

Best Cinematography: *Hugo*

Best Original Song "Man or a Muppet" from *The Muppets* by Bret McKenzie

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Students laugh night away at first 'NSU Kings of Comedy' show

Angela Owusu-Duku
Sauce Reporter

Two professional comedians helped NSU students chuckle at real-life issues last Thursday at "NSU's Kings of Comedy" hosted by the Student Activities Board.

One of the comedians was Marcus Harvey, the 2012 winner of the Gospel Choice Awards for Comedian of the Year. His comedic style puts a funny spin on everyday issues.

The second entertainer was Drew Fraser, who has been featured on "Def Comedy Jam" and P. Diddy's "Bad Boys of Comedy." His comedy deals with realistic issues involving race and relationships.

NSU's event was inspired by the 2000 comedy film, "The Original Kings of Comedy" which featured four famous comedians: Steve Harvey, D.L. Hugley, Bernie Mac and Cedric the Entertainer. They

helped set the stage for upcoming comedians like Harvey and Fraser.

SAB used social media to publicize this larger event.

"We have done public relations as far as updating our Twitter and Student Messenger," Afton Owens, a senior education major and special events coordinator for SAB, said.

Harvey, one of the comedians, tweeted about his successful visit to NSU: "Northwestern State, you guys rock. Northwestern was great to your boy. I can't wait to come back."

More than 60 students attended the event. One of those students who attended was Jordan White, a junior mass communications major.

"I saw the advertisement on Twitter and my friend invited me to go," White said. "I did enjoy myself."

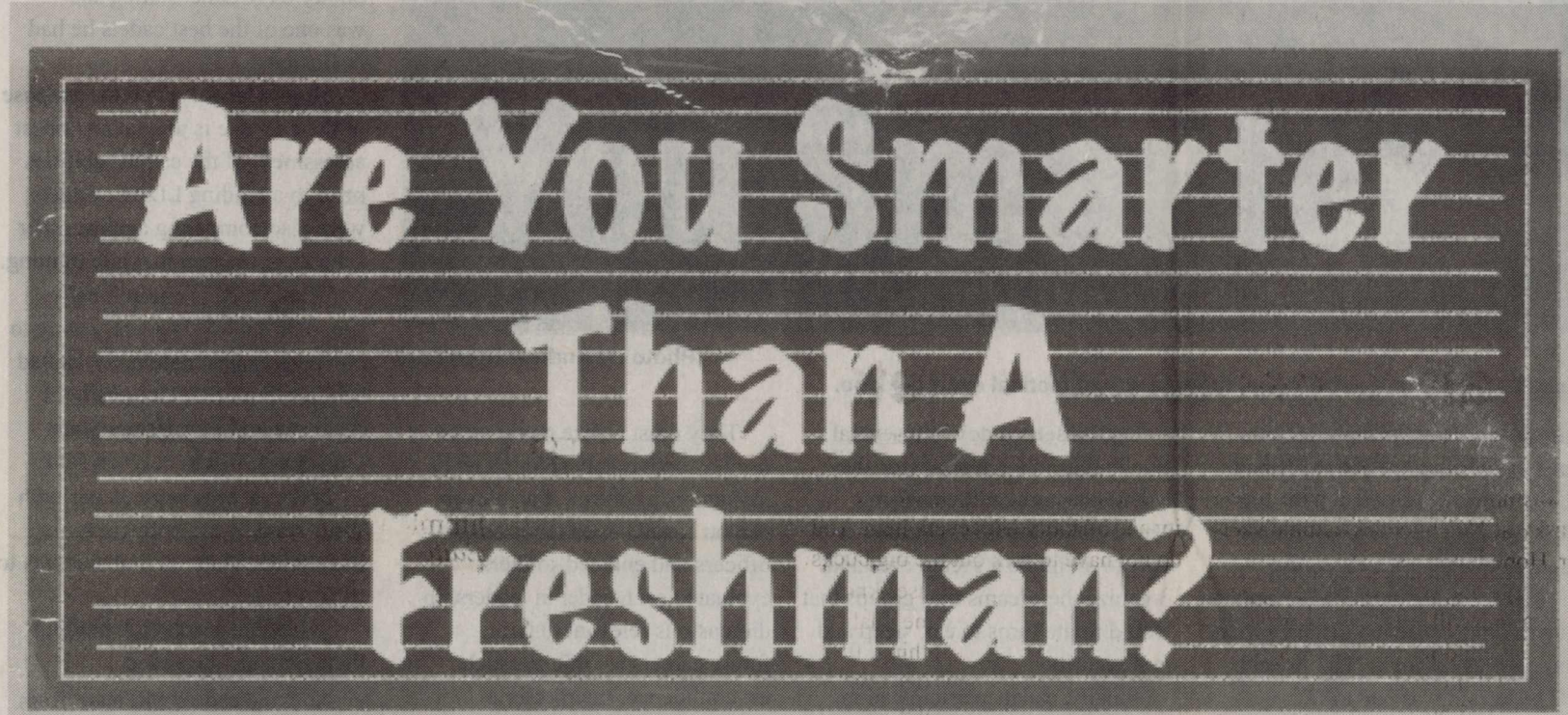
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SAB representatives pose with Marcus Harvey and Drew Fraser.

Submitted photo

SAB wants to know:



Alexis Reliford
Sauce Reporter

While sitting in core classes freshman year, most students think, "When am I ever going to actually use this again?" After studying hard for months to pass exams, students sometimes throw the basic knowledge out the window thinking it'll never be used again. Yet, sometimes holding onto that freshman year knowledge has its advantages.

On Tuesday March 6, the Student Activities Board is hosting "Are you Smarter than a Freshman?" It will be much like the popular FOX Network game show "Are You Smarter than

a 5th Grader," but with a few slight twists. Students of all classifications will be competing for the top grand prize: a new HP Touchsmart 320 computer, valued at over \$700.

"I encourage every student that is interested to prep for this event because it is going to be intense," Ryan Owens, host and SAB Freshman Factor Committee head, said.

According to Owens, students who want to compete in the game show should prepare by reviewing the basic curriculum of freshman English, math, science and history courses. For many students this may require reaching back quite a few years as many of the courses

are usually completed during the freshman and sophomore years.

In addition to the chance of walking away with a new computer, students also have the opportunity to win an array of other prizes provided by SAB.

This is definitely not the first time SAB has given away lavish prizes. At previous events, students have won Wii game systems, cash, and Apple TVs.

Keith Domingue, a senior biology major thinks the event will be better than last year and wishes more students would take advantage of events on campus already paid for by their student association fees.

"Too many students let great

opportunities go by and say they didn't know about it. Well, now you know! I know I'll be there. Who doesn't want a brand new computer?" Domingue said.

SAB members are hoping to see a nice turn-out in preparation for the upcoming Spring Fling week.

So come out and put what you know to the test. You may even win a prize for your knowledge.

"Are You Smarter than a Freshman?" will be held in the Student Union Alley at 7 p.m. and is free for all students with a current NSU student I.D.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to connect with your student body and SAB!

Fashion spotlight: Randi Ditta

Jacob Labutka
Fashion Columnist

I have a great interest in people who choose outfits that are something more than cute.

For some, style is a unique characterization of their personality that does not follow trends—but instead inspires new trends.

For sophomore Randi Ditta, every outfit in her closet reveals something about her soft spoken, yet bold personality. The uniqueness of her dress matches her taste in life and attractive features, like big hair worn by Louis XIV.

Her featured outfit for this column starts with a fluffed white blouse lined with bows to match her white head bow. Ditta purchased both the head bow and blouse at an online store called Bodyline.

Her blouse is covered with two red and white plaid straps that lead to her skirt which is subtly knit with a heart-topped pocket. Ditta's secondhand Angelic Pretty skirt (Ditta notes that this brand is inspired from a Japanese street fashion known as Lolita)

was bought online at the Sales Community Live Journal.

One of my favorite things to shop for is probably my favorite part of this outfit: shoes. Purchased from a seller on eBay, the white boots are the fashionable finish to this outfit.

A lesson to learn here is that fashionable attire can be purchased from places other than the mall or a retailer website. The most random places may have the perfect clothes that are best for your self-expression (which for Ditta happens to be at foreign online retailers).

Once you fully appreciate the flowy fashion of her plaid skirt, Randi will switch it up and characterize another side of her personality that loves more than the red and white of a picnic.

She may wear anything from a light blue dress illustrated with delicious candies to a Star Wars hoodie.

No matter what savvy attire Randi chooses, all she needs is a smile, a few bows and her rabbit, Detective Humbert hanging at her side.



Randi Ditta

Upcoming Events

African American Caucus

"Black Achievement Awards"

Magale Recital Hall

Wednesday Feb. 29 at 6 p.m.

NSU Demor Basketball Game

"NSU v. Nicholls State"

Prather Coliseum

Wednesday Feb. 29 at 7 p.m.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc

"My PreZident is Black"

Student Union Alley

Thursday March 1 at 6:20 p.m.

Northwestern State University 25th Annual Research Day

Application Deadline

Monday March 12

Parkway Cinema

1011 Keyser Avenue

"Act of Valor"

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4:10 p.m. 6:50 p.m. 9:20 p.m.

"This Means War"

Rated PG-13

4:20 p.m. 7:10 p.m. 9:40 p.m.

"The Vow"

Rated PG-13

4:20 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:30 p.m.

"Tyler Perry's 'Good Deeds'"

Rated PG-13

4:10 p.m. 6:50 p.m. 9:20 p.m.

"Journey 2"

Rated PG

4:30 p.m. 7:10 p.m. 9:20 p.m.

"Ghost Rider 2"

Rated PG-13

4:30 p.m. 7:10 p.m. 9:40 p.m.



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Mardi Gras: mambo, mambo and repent



Tom H. Lawler
Opinions
Columnist

It is Mardi Gras season and I sure am ready to eat a few pieces of King Cake, drink an adult beverage for all the times I could not and watch foreigners (Midwesterners, West Coast Folk and Yankees) do stupid things for plastic.

Normally in this section it is the case that I rant and scold the ridiculous and impracticality of the holidays and those who celebrate

them. However, Mardi Gras is an exception. It is supposed to be ridiculous. Mardi Gras always has and still does mark the end of good times for 40 days until Easter.

Nearly needless to say, I grew up in southern Louisiana as a Catholic with an Irish family name and a Cajun mother. I was doomed from the start. The months of February and March of my childhood were always bipolar.

Thankfully, we did get one reprieve during the 40 days of wandering in the desert when Saint Patrick's Day came around, but that is an entirely different article that

I'll save for another time.

My opinion of Mardi Gras and Lent have always been that of a desperate attempt to please both sides of the spiritual dialectic: Heaven and Hell.

Some years it seemed that the only things (only substantial things, mind you) I had to go to Confession for were things that happened on Fat Monday and Tuesday, like



returning to NSU on Ash Wednesday with an excuse from Oschner Medical clinic in New Orleans. Whoops.

I suppose I could have saved myself some time by looking upwards and apologizing.

My favorite memories of Mardi Gras involve the lower caste and class of Bourbon Street where I passed out in front of Cathédrale

Saint-Louis, and also of a drunk priest who presided over an Ash Wednesday service when I was a lad. The memories warm my heart just thinking about them.

I realize that I am not helping to disprove the old Catholic, Irish, Cajun and Louisiana stereotypes. But realize that everyone else, be they of any race, creed or region, looks damn foolish during Mardi Gras.

It is the Saturnalia of our own time. Who knows, this might even be the very last time we celebrate it. Maybe we can tilt our heads back and ask for one more year.

Other than this dichotomy, I have always been proud of Mardi Gras for putting our Louisiana on the map for something good (but not morally good perhaps, like Devil's Food Cake or something).

Our little state is unique. There are several Texases, a bunch of Nebraskas and a slew of Connecticut. But no state in this union is quite like Louisiana.

So I hope you celebrate your spiritual burden, ridiculousness and our noble land well this year. Laissez les bons temps rouler!

Appreciate the art by saying no to music piracy



Ty Johnson
Practicum
Student

Music piracy encourages a culture of criminality. Although fans don't seem to view illegally downloading music online to be the same as stealing CDs from a store, it is, in essence, the same thing.

Music piracy promotes criminality because people will continue to download copyrighted

music without paying for it, and there are those that make entire albums accessible to download to not only themselves, but also to the masses.

File sharing sites like LimeWire and Neptune are good examples of the tools that have enabled a culture of criminality because thousands of people download copyrighted material without paying for it using



those sites.

One of the key points customers make about downloading music make is record executives should

provide samples for them to listen to before they purchase them so they can decide if they want to spend money or not.

Another key point is that perhaps declining music sales aren't because of music piracy but because of economical issues.

How can the music industry

pinpoint all the blame on music piracy if there are other factors that could cause the declining sales?

Perhaps the majority of those that illegally download music are the ones who cannot buy the music anyway because they have little money? In that case, the music sales are not as affected by music piracy as they've claimed. Maybe it's just easier to put the blame on struggling college students instead of the economy.

In 2004, two researchers studied whether illegal file trading was responsible for reduced CD sales.

Felix Oberholzer-Gee at Harvard Business School and Koleman

Strumpf at the University of North Carolina concluded, "At most, file sharing can explain a tiny fraction of this decline. Based on our results, we do not believe file sharing will have a significant effect on the supply of recorded music."

Despite their findings, the music industry frequently argues recording artists and record labels are suffering because people are stealing music instead of buying it legally.

In March 2008, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) released a "Bill of Rights for Songwriters and

Composers."

One of the bills states, "We have the right to protect our creative works to the fullest extent of the law from all forms of piracy, theft and unauthorized use, which deprive us of our right to earn a living based on our creativity."

If sales continue to decline due to music piracy, the music industry may be heading towards a dismal future because they're not getting paid for their material.

Besides the fact that declining music sales could affect recording artists' stealing cop, is wrong—point, blank, period—no matter who it affects in the end.

Invasion of materialism into all aspects of society



Catherine Beverly
Opinions
Editor

This country seems to have a problem with wanting. Not only do I see this on a monetary level, but it has invaded every level of society.

This is obvious when college students, like me, are more attracted to the idea of a new game or new items of clothing than to the idea of saving their money.

It is hard to follow the goals set before you when it appears as if everyone has something bigger, better and newer. This is where the idea of "keeping up with the Joneses"

comes into play.

The commercial industry feeds us lies that say we will not be happy unless we have A, B or C. It even covers the ground of people who are not involved in mainstream society.

Those who think they are above the pressure are usually just finding alternative ways to submit to it (if I save 'x' amount of money, then I will reward myself with a new purse).

As I said before, this idea of "brand name" culture has spread to every level of society. Food, technology and clothes are better if they are brand name items. Heck, even animals are better brand name.

A woman was looking to buy a dog in a local Facebook group—documentation for this dog was not necessary.

This dog was for a young relative to have, but she posted a warn-

ing that she "sure don't want a mutt" after a few people informed her that it was unlikely to find a pure blood Husky at Natchitoches' animal shelter, Hope for Paws.

If this dog isn't for breeding purposes and will only act as a pet to love the child in question, why does it matter if it is a pure Husky?

A mixed breed dog is just as capable of loving its owner, and in some research mixed breeds have been shown to live longer with less defects.

An escape from the inbreeding that comes with being a "pure bred dog" can do that to you.

Now I do not want any of my readers to think that I am knocking off all brand name items. With all items there is the option of choosing between quality and quantity.

Brand name items are often high-

er quality and off-brand items have a reputation of being lower quality.

There is a fine line between quality and quantity with every item. You do not have to fork out the big bucks for an item if there is a lesser-known brand with almost the same quality.

Or, in the case of clothing, there are many websites that offer ways to recreate classic brands like Anthropologie by using thrift store clothes and some craft supplies.

On a basic level, people can begin to reject items that are only wanted because they are brand name. They can put more thought into what they want and, ultimately, what they buy.

So I just ask that people take more responsibility when it comes to their finances. I am trying to accomplish this as well with a very helpful budgeting website: www.eebacanhelp.com.



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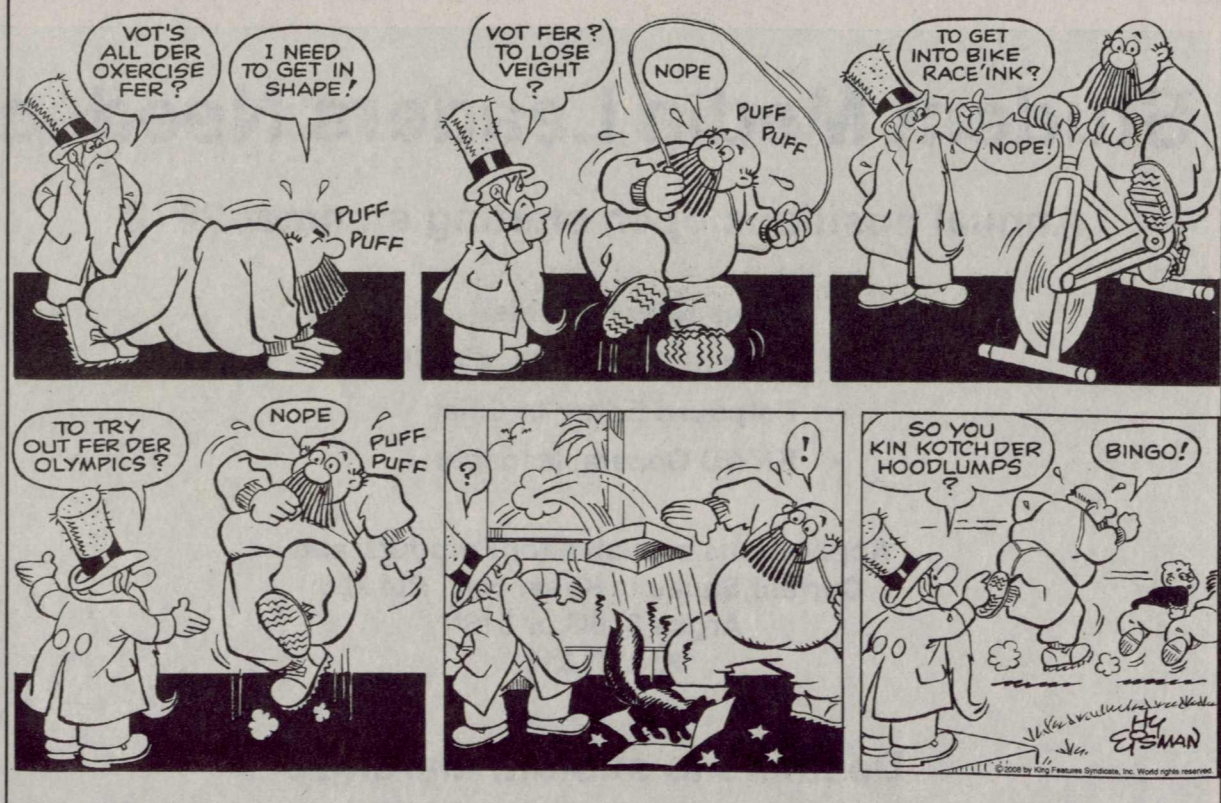


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- Current Sauce staff

NSU triumphs 8-0 over TSU

Robbie Kleinmuntz
Sauce Reporter

Kelee Grimes fired her second career no-hitter with nine strikeouts Sunday morning for the Northwestern State softball team in a 8-0, six inning victory over Tennessee State in the third-place game of the Arkansas Fastpitch Invitational at Bogle Park.

Grimes (2-4) was one out away from a perfect game for NSU (3-12) when she nicked Savannah Gutierrez with a pitch, allowing her a free base. Grimes then got TSU's (4-5) Tedra Alford to fly out to rightfield to complete the 12th no-hitter in program history.

"Kelee was working ahead in the count today, and that really allowed her to throw a lot of different pitches and keep hitters off-balance. She was going right after hitters all day long and just trusted her stuff," said head coach Donald Pickett.

Grimes threw her first solo no-hitter last season on April 6, 2011 in a 2-0 win over Alcorn State. The Pineville native was also part of a no-no on March 9, 2010 when she combined with Brooke Boëning and former Lady Demon Jessica English in a no-hit win over Grambling.

"We have all the confidence in the world in Kelee and we know she's going to have a lot more performances like this one before the season is over," Pickett said.

Blair Beard registered her second consecutive multi-hit game and her fourth on the year with singles in the fourth and sixth frames. NSU as a team outthit TSU 8-0.



Photo by Gary Hardamon
Kelee Grimes pitches a strike against TSU to help NSU win 8-0.

"Blair had a really good weekend for us. I'm not surprised at all about her performances over the last few games - this is what we expect out of Blair. She's a very talented player and she's consistently getting on base for us," Pickett said.

The Lady Demons broke the game open in the fourth inning with a monster, seven-run frame. Cali Burke and Beard each registered two-RBI singles to do the heavy damage. Kylie Roos and Cheyenne DeLaGarza also tallied RBI singles in an inning that featured 11 NSU batters at the plate. NSU added on in the fifth when Sam Roberts knocked a RBI single to rightfield with two outs and runners on first and second. Tara McKenney scored on the play.

"We came to play today and

we're going to build off this win," Pickett said. "We knew we hadn't been playing our best ball so far this season, but today we came out, relaxed and played with confidence."

Shea Morris (3-2) took the loss for the Tigers, allowing four earned runs on two hits and two walks in three innings. TSU committed four errors in the field.

"This is the team we expected to have at the beginning of the season," Pickett said. "We were consistent all the way through the lineup and just kept battling at the plate with an aggressive approach."

The Lady Demons will look to duplicate this performance on Wednesday when they travel to Houston Baptist for a doubleheader starting at 2.



Photo by Gary Hardamon
Trudy Armstead shoots a free throw. Armstead had 30 points in win over the UTA Lady Mavericks.

Lady Demons zoom past UTA

Jimmie Walker
Editor-In-Chief

With only three games remaining in the season, the Lady Demon basketball team managed to win its second Southland Conference game of the season with a victory over the University of Texas at Arlington.

The Lady Demons (6-21, 2-12) beat the Lady Mavericks by the score of 86-70 and snapped a nine-game losing streak. UTA fell to 4-10 in Southland Conference play, eliminating them from post-season contention.

Lady Demon basketball head coach Jennifer Graf admired the heart her team displayed

"I told the girls that I'm proud of them for the way they came out and played hard knowing we had no chance of going to the tournament," Lady Demon head coach Jennifer Graf said. "UTA was still playing for a spot and we knew they would come in and try to

put it to us."

NSU trailed UTA for the first 10 minutes of the game, but they would eventually tie the game at 11-all before letting UTA go on a 8-3 run.

With 11:25 left in the first half, the Lady Demons stomped on the throttle and began to take control of the game.

NSU went on a 25-4 run that gave them a 29-23 lead.

The outside threat of Jordi James and the dominant inside presence of Trudy Armstead continued to fuel the charge, helping NSU build a 37-28 lead just before the half.

Junior forward Trudy Armstead led the team with a career-high scoring night of 30 points. Armstead shot 11 of 19 from the floor, showcasing an arsenal of offensive go-to moves that allowed easy buckets on her defenders. She also grabbed 11 rebounds and had two steals.

"Trudy has been that wildcard player all season," Graf said. "She gives it her all day in and day out, but there are some of those games where her scoring doesn't show up. It's almost like when she does score a lot, like today, it comes very quietly."

She was followed by James with 26 points and went five for seven from beyond the arc.

"I thought Bob (assistant coach Bob Austin) did a really good job with this scout," Graf said.

"We knew we were out of the tournament so he went in and told the girls to play their hearts out, that we have nothing to lose. I thought we played really well, especially on defense where we did a nice job of getting into passing lanes and creating some turnovers."

Meredith Graf scored 10 points, hitting 50 percent from beyond the arc.

The Lady Demons travel to Nicholls tonight with hopes to earn another Southland Conference win

Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame goes for new look in 2013

Malcolm Kirkendoll
Sauce Reporter

Next spring, restaurants won't be the only attractions on Front Street for visitors because the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame will be the next addition for tourists and sport lovers.

In spring 2013, the Louisiana State Museum system will open the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Museum.

Doug Ireland, NSU Sports Information Director commented on the museum's future location and size.

"The museum will be a 27,500 square foot building and is being constructed on the northern end of Front Street," Ireland said.

The \$20 million museum should

be finished by mid-fall.

Currently, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame is housed in Prather Coliseum at Northwestern State University.

Jerry Pierce, NSU vice president for External Affairs and Louisiana Sports Writers Association co-chairman, had the idea to build a shrine for the first 41 honorees in 1971 in Prather Coliseum, the first formal inauguration of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

"It's not only just football and basketball players that get inducted," Ireland said. "There are about 24 different sports that get looked at from the professional and collegiate level."

Ireland said the induction process is not easy. The 30-member election group selects inductees.

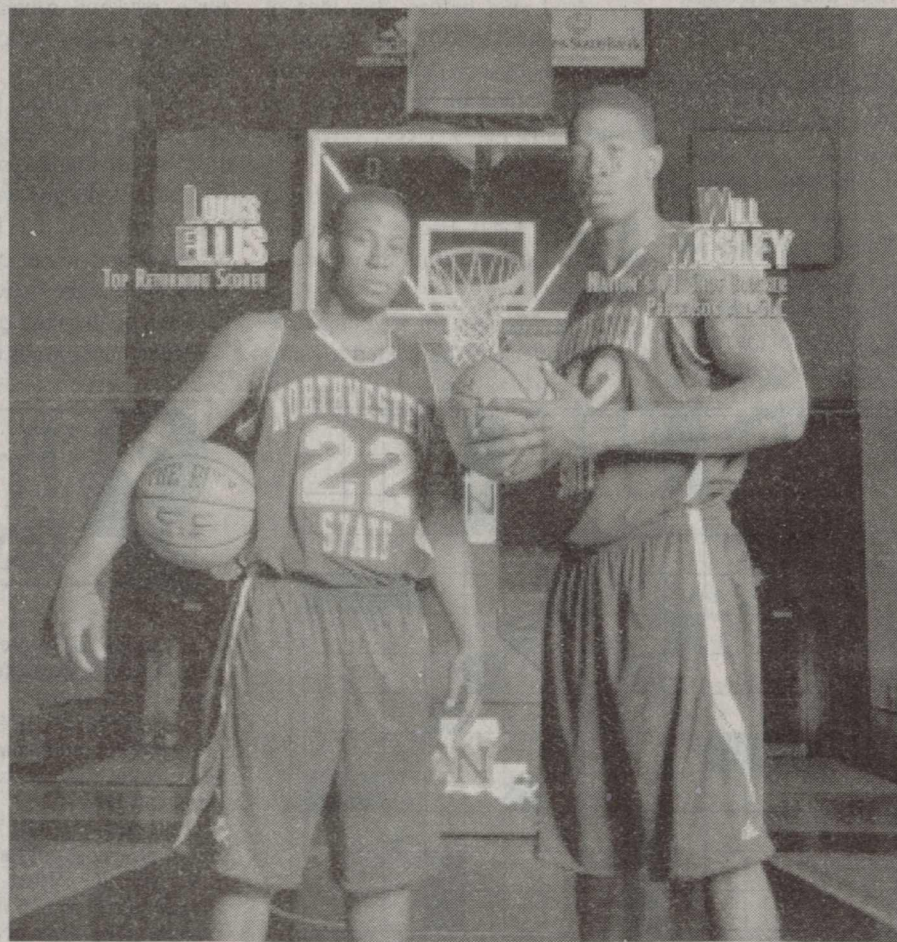
The requirements include being a Louisiana native with recognition outside of the state.

If they are from out-of-state, they must gain recognition while working in Louisiana and be retired for at least three years.

Eight sports figures will be inducted this year and include Warrick Dunn—All-Pro running back of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Atlanta Falcons and Deuce McAllister—New Orleans Saints Super Bowl champion.

Past inductees into the Louisiana Hall of Fame include four-time Super Bowl champion Terry Bradshaw, the late Coach Eddie Robinson of Grambling State, two-time NBA Champion Joe Dumars, the late "Pistol" Pete Marovich and All-Pro quarterback Archie Manning.

Last home game for Ellis, Mosley



submitted photo

Senior basketball players Louis Ellis and William Mosley will play in front of the home crowd for the last time, Wednesday night in Prather Coliseum. The two players have been top contributors to the success the team has had this season. Mosley, a premier defender, is ranked fifth on the NCAA shot block list. Ellis was the team's top scorer a year ago and has continued to provide good shooting for the Demons. The Demons will face Nicholls at 7 p.m. as the team tries to close out the regular season with wins.

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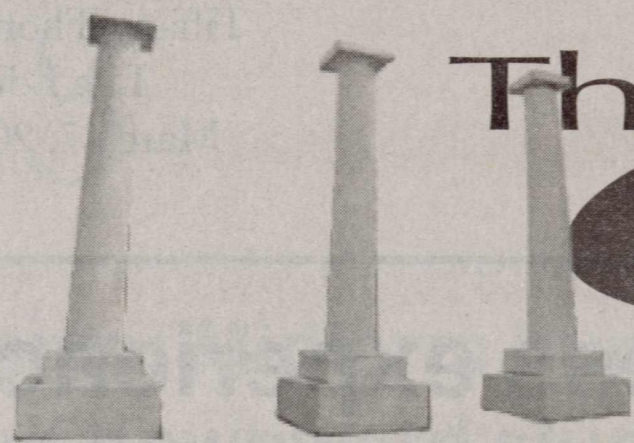
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Campus organizations help out Hope for Paws

Alexis Reliford
Staff Reporter

Wagging their tails and enjoying the breeze, a number of dogs were spotted on the Kyser brickway using their obvious charm and bashful eyes to help the Student Activities Board and Phi Mu Fraternity collect items for a local organization.

Hope for Paws is a non-profit animal rescue organization dedicated to helping dogs, as well as other animals find permanent, loving homes.

Without an animal shelter in Natchitoches parish, there is a large amount of neglected dogs and cats in the community.

The organization relies on donations and people who can serve as foster parents to the animals until a permanent home can be found.

"SAB and Phi Mu chose Hope for Paws because they're an organization in our community who is in desperate need of assistance," Matt Spence, SAB's Service Learn-

ing committee head, said.

Last Friday, a donation table was set up near the end of the bricks where students were able to contribute Pedigree dog food, Dawn dish detergent, collars and leashes of all sizes and dog shampoo. In addition to these items monetary donations were also accepted.

The dogs that participated at the donation site belonged to members of both SAB and Phi Mu.

One of the special animals in attendance was Hope for Paw's very own rescued canine named Flora.

According to Spence, about \$80 was collected in addition to over two large trashcans of dog food, 10 large bottles of soap and shampoo and over 10 leashes and collars of different colors and sizes were all donated to Hope for Paws to help out animals like Flora.

"It's important for organizations at NSU, both Greek and other RSO's, to recognize a need for service in the community and act on it," Spence said.



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The Student Activities Board and Phi Mu collected over \$80 for Hope for Paws to help neglected animals.



Songwriter Robert Sherman passes away: Robert Sherman passed away Tuesday at the age of 86. He wrote many classic scores for classic Disney films such as "Mary Poppins," "The Jungle Book" and "The Aristocats." He also wrote "It's a Small World After All." He was awarded two Academy Awards, a Grammy and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

FBI arrests three members from LulzSec: The FBI has arrested three members of the underground hacker group LulzSec. Charges are to be made public against two other members.

Aquaculture center sells live crawfish

Courtesy of News Bureau

Northwestern State University's Aquaculture Research Center is selling live crawfish harvested from the Center's crawfish ponds in Lena every week though late May. Crawfish are delivered from the Center to Northwestern State's main campus on Fridays at 10 a.m. and are available for pickup in the parking lot of St. Denis Hall. The price per pound is established every Monday. This week's price per pound is \$3.30.

"We are particularly proud of our crawfish because they are the successful result of our research on increasing production in crawfish ponds," Dr. Julie Delabbio, Director of the Aquaculture Research Center, said.

"We get a much higher production



out of our ponds than most regional crawfish farmers. All the crawfish we sell are select size. The small crawfish are removed prior to selling. The money we get from these live crawfish sales is reinvested in our research activities at the Center."

Delabbio said she can take orders as small as five pounds.

"The crawfish are in sacks so we

recommend those who purchase to bring a cooler for transport, particularly on warm days," Delabbio said. "Calling early in the week is important because we are usually sold out by Thursday afternoons."

For more information or to place an order, call Delabbio at (318) 663-0382 or e-mail delabbioj@nsula.edu.

Tara Luck to represent NSU in D.C.

Contessa Wills
Sauce Reporter

Student Government Association President Tara Luck will be in Washington, D.C. March 5-8 to meet with members of the state's congressional delegation. Along with other SGA presidents, she will have the opportunity to discuss federal funding for higher education. She feels that this is important for Northwestern and its students as it "puts NSU on a national level."

As a member of the Council of

Student Body Presidents and chair of the Legislative and Academic Affairs Committee, Luck serves as an advocate for students on issues that could affect policies on higher education.



COSBP is a statewide organization of Louisiana public college and university Student Government Association and Student Bar Association presidents.

Chartered by the Board of Regents, which coordinates all public higher education in Louisiana, COSBP helps ensure that Louisiana's colleges and universities remain responsive to

the students' needs and that their academic and career success is optimized.

The invitation to attend the event in the nation's capitol came courtesy of Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu. This experience will afford students an up-close look at the political process on the national level.

While at the event Luck will attend Dr. Jim Purcell's Presentation on Higher Education and meet with our state's representatives in small groups.

In an interview with *The Natchitoches Times*, Luck stated that she "wanted to convince [our representatives] that higher education is an important investment."

Psychology department attends SEPA conference in New Orleans

Courtesy of News Bureau

Faculty and students from Northwestern State University's Department of Psychology represented the university at the Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA) annual meeting in New Orleans.

"Our department sent a full contingency to the conference and despite the hoopla of Mardi Gras crowds and traffic, all sessions were well attended and our participants had a positive professional experience," said Dr. Susan Thorson-Barnett, chair of the Department of Psychology and associate professor.

Dr. Thorson-Barnett, Joseph D. Biscoe III, associate professor, and graduate assistant Laura Burns conducted a three-hour continuing education workshop entitled "MICROSKILLS: I'm Hearing What You Are Saying, But What Are You Saying?"

Barnett, Professor Emeritus Maureen McHale and Terry Isbell, instructor, presented a history of the Department as part of a session that examined the development of psy-



Photographed above are faculty and students that presented at the Southeastern Psychological Association's annual meeting in New Orleans.

chology programs throughout the southeast.

Dr. Cynthia Lindsey, associate professor, and Michelle Robichaux Barnhill, M.S., presented a paper titled "Integrative Model of Motiva-

tion and Commitment: Personality and Social Foci." Dr. Lindsey also presented with Laura Miller, M.S., a poster titled "Effect of Approval Seeking on Anxiety and Separation Individuation in College."

Graduate student Kayla LeLeux-LaBarge and Dr. Margaret Cochran presented a paper entitled "Influence of Parenting Styles and Maladaptive Cognitive Schemas on Anxiety."

Graduate student Brandon La-

Barge, along with thesis committee members Cochran and Thorson-Barnett, presented a poster titled "Humor Styles and Life-Style Defense Mechanisms in Psychological Well-Being."

SEPA is a regional psychological association affiliated with the American Psychological Association. The purpose of SEPA is to advance psychology as a science, as a profession, and as a means of promoting human welfare. SEPA's mission is to stimulate the exchange of scientific and professional ideas across the diverse areas of psychological inquiry and application.

The professional members of SEPA hold positions in settings such as universities, colleges, business and industry, hospitals and clinics, government and private practice.

In these and other settings, the psychologists of SEPA teach, conduct research, engage in psychological assessment and therapy, serve as administrators and consultants and publish scholarly works on all aspects of the human experience.

Student members of SEPA, from psychology undergraduate and graduate programs throughout the southeast and beyond, reflect the varied interests of their mentors in the behavioral sciences, from the functions of the brain to the actions of nations.

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The cinnamon challenge: A breathless experience

Alyssa Richardson
Sauce Reporter

Cinnamon may be a tasty treat that tickles your taste buds, but a new trend called the "cinnamon challenge" is much more than a tickle. It's dangerous.

Those who have tried this cinnamon trend all have the same end results, a struggle for air. Cinnamon is a spice not made to be eaten in a lump form but as ingredient in food. Though no severe consequences, such as death or sickness, have been recorded people who have tried the challenge describe the experience as unbearable.

The challenge is this: swallow a lump of cinnamon without choking, coughing or drinking anything.

The spice will dry your mouth making it almost impossible to swallow without coughing. If you mistakenly inhale the cinnamon before you put the spoon in your mouth, you will not likely be able to swallow it.

"I drank anything I could find, even milk, but nothing was working," junior CIS major Ameir Stewart said. "This may sound extreme but I thought I was going to die, I couldn't breathe. I coughed for more than an hour before I actually calmed myself down."

"Cinnamon Challenges" posted on YouTube show people from around the world who have attempted this dare. Some of the videos are disturbing because of the severity of the coughing and gagging.

"I have read about a lot of horrible 'trends' that people come up with but this one is so scary because there are so many outcomes," senior pre-med major Britney Monroe said. "The cinnamon can get stuck in your throat preventing you from breathing, and you could die before you get a chance to drink anything. No deadly reports have been recorded but at the rate the trend is going I won't be shocked to hear such tragic news. I would like to stress to students the danger in this so-called 'game' because you're gambling your life."

According to a recent article posted on cbslocal.com, doctors and nurses urge people not to try this challenge because it can raise blood sugar levels, burn the throat and get

into the lungs.

"I attempted the challenge a few years ago but I still remember all the cups of water my friends had to bring me," senior psychology major Amberette Campers said as she chuckled to herself.

"I'm laughing because I knew it was a bad idea and I still did it. I inhaled the cinnamon before I put the spoon in, and I choked on the cinnamon dust. I was devastated."

For more information about the dangers of the "cinnamon challenge" visit www.usatoday.com/video/is-the-cinnamon-challenge-dangerous.

There are also hundreds of videos circulating the web of those who have dared to take the challenge.

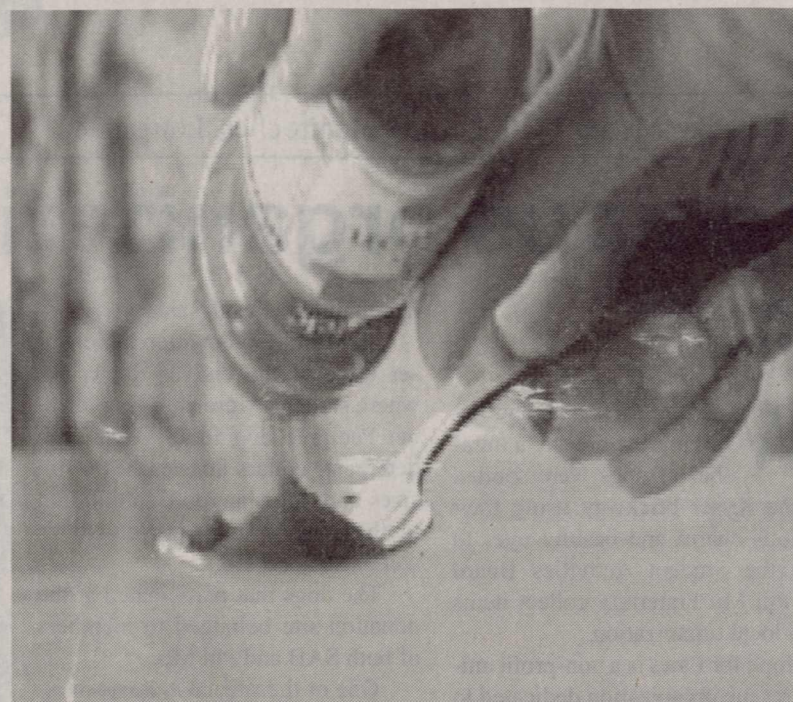


Photo illustrations by Alyssa Richardson

Students jazz it up with musician Mike Vax

J.C Bryant
Sauce Reporter

High school bands and combos embraced the musical atmosphere on NSU's campus last Saturday for the annual Jazz Festival.

This event not only helps create new great jazz musicians, but also gives them a sneak peak of NSU's thriving jazz program and ambitious professors.

The festival was spearheaded by the jazz directors who brought in clinician, critically-acclaimed trumpeter and bandleader Mike Vax. Vax served as one of the judges who critiqued each of the bands and after performances, held a clinic specific to each of the bands' needs.

In one of the sessions, Vax stressed the importance of jazz history.

"How can you know why some artists are doing what they're doing today if you have no idea where that came from or how they were doing things before," Vax said.

Vax explained that jazz music had to be a lifestyle -- not a hobby or something you pull out of the closet on the weekends when you want to have fun.

"To be a good jazz musician, you have to be immersed in it. You have to live and breathe jazz music. Listen to as many artists as possible -- the classics -- get ideas from them and try to play like them," Vax said.

He then went around the room and asked who some of the band members' favorite musicians were.

Vax also shared stories from his youth and helped the students to appreciate the amenities they have today.

"We didn't have YouTube when



Submitted photo

A NSU student plays his saxophone for Mike Vax at the Jazz Festival.

I was learning jazz. If you wanted to hear jazz, you went out to a gig and you watched closely or you bought a record and played along to it. There were no books -- no sheet music -- no nothing."

He added, "There were just all these standards that you had to know if you wanted to get a gig. And when I graduated high school, I knew more than 200 charts by memory. But you guys really don't know how great you have it. You can do a search on YouTube and you can watch dead guys playing music! You guys really ought to be taking advantage of that. Spend some time on YouTube every day watching some of the jazz greats and learn from them."

It was obvious that all the students took a lot from the knowledge Vax shared. Even though his primary instrument is trumpet, he seems to be just as strong a bandleader. He offered insight to every member of each ensemble and showed a good grasp of the fact that musicians should work together and stressed this to the members.

As a composer, one of his pieces "Naked Gun," was chosen as the theme song for the Naked Gun films. As a recording musician, he has performed on more than 75 albums, including 20 under his own name. Vax hopes to continue sharing the things he has learned in more clinics nationwide.

Up 'til dawn 2012: Circus of Hope

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Memrie Gibbons
Sauce Reporter

Tuesday, March 13, the Northwestern State University chapter of Up 'til Dawn will be holding a 'Circus of Hope' to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The event will consist primarily of teams formed by various groups and organizations on campus writing letters in order to gather donations for St. Jude.

This will be NSU's third time hosting the letter-writing event, and over 500 students are already registered for the event.

Up 'til Dawn is a student-led organization on campuses throughout the United States. Up 'til Dawn, just like St. Jude, is an organization dependent on donations in order to run smoothly. Local businesses offer their services every year to provide things like food and incentives in order to ensure that Up 'til Dawn is a success.

Come out to be a part of a wonderful campaign and a great cause!

The college formal: Not your high school prom



Jacob Labutka
Fashion Columnist

Your date cancelled at the last minute so you enter the ballroom for your senior prom in your finely laced strapless dress with a pair of heels to match, and you are accompanied by several of your girlfriends (one of whom spilled red sauce on their dress at dinner).

Prom was the time in high school to look pretty; formals are the time in college to stand out and look breathtaking.

Though most formals are not until April, it's never too early (to an extent) to think about what you're wearing. It may not be a fairy tale ball, but at least it's not high school.

Before we even think about what you're wearing, we must identify the best way to prepare for this event: having a girl's day!

For those who have money to blow, a salon-styled cut and a mani-pedi are the perfect constituents for any morning makeover.

However, many of us need a more wallet-friendly way to spend time with the girls. It's nice to get your nails done in a salon, but a group of friends doing nails at home could prove to be more entertaining

than being out on the town.

While preparing for a social event one goal should be to look and feel radiant, and nothing will pave the way to radiance better than a good exfoliant. You can buy a one-time use avocado or mint mask from Wal-mart for about a dollar, or buy a container of an exfoliating mask and use it several times for only a few dollars to start a regimen.

Now it's time to discuss the most important part of your preparations: picking your outfit. It baffles me how at many formal events there is an extreme lack of vibrancy and variability of outfits (especially regarding men's suits).

However, the lack of distinctions

among some men's suits seems to be perpetuated by what's available in stores: for women there are dresses of all colors and styles and for men there are largely only black suits and baggy dress shirts.

I have attempted to jump this hurdle by finding stores with dress shirts that have a good fit and a variety of colors. No matter your gender, find a formal style that reflects your personality but allows you to stand out (this is the moment where I look at the men and cough and say "Express").

The formal is an equal opportunity to be glamorous without there being a contest.

Everyone has a chance at the spotlight.

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Rants: Midterm hump and downward slump



Tom H. Lawler
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By now I hope that all of you are done with midterm exams and so forth. This week will begin the final slump toward summertime.

In all my years as a student, I have observed how many others "tune in, turn on and drop out" in regards to their studies during the final stretch of the spring semester.

I am also guilty of this thing I have dubbed "summer-itis."

In this week's column it is my brave goal to give you tips and tricks to keep you sane and less stressed, or maybe the better word is bored) in the final weeks of school. All of my tips are by no means secret, but they all stem from one principle: divide and conquer.

Splitting up the load and fracturing your academic obligations is the sure way to allow for more free time or at least more control of your time.

Trick number one is to take a few A-term here. Notice I say only A-term here. Even though you might take 18 hours this semester, you could be taking 15, 12 or even nine hours by the end of February.

With A-term classes, you can cut your workload by half and have another half term to take up a class at the WRAC or add a few more hours to your workweek. You could even do nothing at all.

Neat, huh?

Trick number two is to take two on-line classes. For me, two is perfect because any less and you may forget to "attend" class. If you have more than two classes you may feel as if you could put them off, as they are lacking a concrete schedule.

The on-line classes (which I have already commented on earlier this semester) free you up to enjoy or relax at your own discretion. You could take French at three in the morning if you so cared.

The third and final trick is to take three to six hours less than you did in the fall (unless that number happens to be 12 or something along those lines). During the fall, I notice more students with a "can do" mentality that slowly rots into "ho-hum" by March.

Fewer hours in the spring also allow you to work more for gainful employment and earn extra cash for much anticipated summer plans.

Also, tuition, fees and books are usually cheaper in the spring. Fewer hours in the spring means cheaper semester all around. (Note: this is just my observation of my past eight semesters).

With these tricks and tips in mind, I hope that your next spring (and possibly even summer) semesters are more enjoyable and require less hair-pulling, stress and overall depression.

While none of this knowledge is revolutionary or far-fetched, I hope it helps you succeed in whatever degree program and whatever year you are in here at NSU.

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Upcycling your style



Catherine Beverly
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The life of college students has always been depicted through stereotypes. From pulling all-nighters to living in barren spaces not fit for a dorm room, it seems as though a lot of this information on students could be incorrect.

Sadly, a lot of these stereotypes are founded in truth to some extent. Money is tight for most students, and their money problems can't be eliminated with minimum wages from a part-time job.

Many students end up in a room filled with mismatched furniture on cracked linoleum flooring. One way to bypass this is by incorporating some upcycled decoration into your room. Upcycling involves buying or using something for a new purpose.

Some of these projects are time-consuming and difficult (e.g. a chair made of cardboard and glue), but some of them are perfect for college students (e.g. a bath mat made of

old t-shirts). Instructions on making something like the t-shirt rug can be found below this article.

Now it's possible for any one of us to have something beautiful and completely customizable in our home, and this extends to furniture as well. It's possible, even surprisingly easy, to recover pieces of furniture. This preserves an elegant or pleasing shape, but adds the benefit of a cute pattern or color that matches your room.

Upcycled projects can be done on a low budget and don't require any changes to a room, since most college students are renters.

If you're low on money, you can consider joining some Facebook groups such as "Natchitoches Swap Shop" or "Craft & Trade." These groups concentrate on selling and buying items for low prices, but you also have the option of trading your unwanted items (or your craft items!) for something you need.

Keep these tips in mind next time you take a look around your apartment. Just because you're a college student doesn't mean you have to live in a bland box. Spice it up with some customizable projects, and add a little touch of yourself to your space.

Instructions for a handmade bath towel

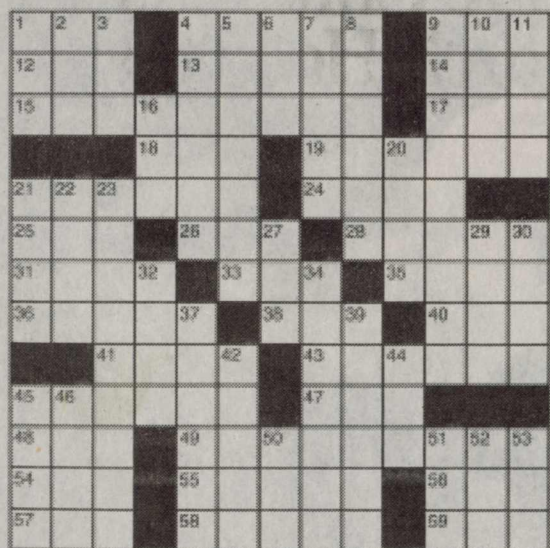
You will need: gridded matting (available at craft stores) and 3-4 towels

1. Wash and dry all of the old bath towels you will use for this project.
2. Decide how big you want the rug. (TIP: Measure from shower recess.)
3. Cut towels into 6" long pieces, approximately 3/4" thick.
4. Knot each strip along the grid, making sure they are facing the right way.

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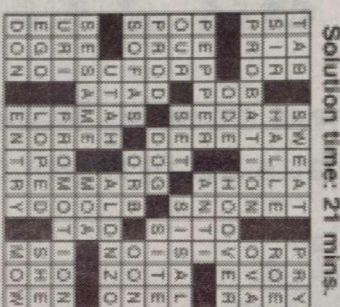
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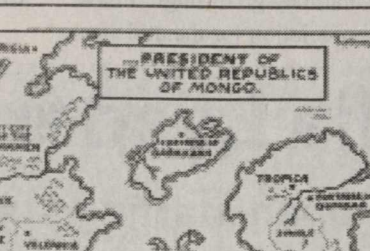
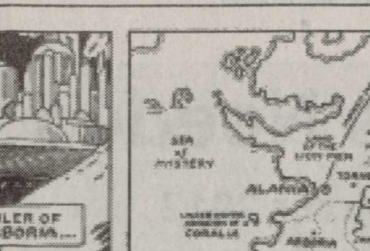
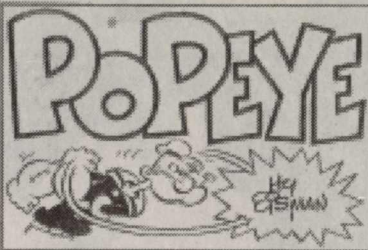


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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was American author James Thurber who made the following sage observation: "Humor is emotional chaos remembered in tranquility."

• If you're a fan of the original "Wizard of Oz" movie, you might be surprised to learn that the actress who played Glinda the Good Witch, Billie Burke, was 54 years old when the film was shot.

• The award for the most needless war in history could very well go to Paraguay, whose president, Francisco Solano Lopez, believed himself to be an excellent tactician. He was a great admirer of Napoleon Bonaparte and wished to emulate the French emperor, but he had no wars to fight. To remedy the situation, in 1864 Lopez declared war on all three of his neighboring countries, Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil. His tactical abilities seem to have been of little use, however; it is estimated that 90 percent of Paraguay's male population was killed during the course of the war.

• During this time of election madness, "misology" could be a useful word to know. It means "hatred of reason."

• French novelist Marcel Proust's magnum opus, "Remembrance of Things Past," has been hailed as a literary masterpiece, but not everyone was a fan at first read. As Proust was trying, unsuccessfully, to find a publisher for his seven-volume work, one publisher said, "I may be dense, but I fail to see why a chap needs 30 pages to describe how he tosses and turns in bed before falling asleep." The author finally published the first volume with his own money; after the book was hailed as a masterpiece by critics, the same publishers who had rejected Proust competed for the opportunity to print the other six volumes of his work.

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Demons poised for SLC Tourney run

Courtesy of Sports Info:

Northwestern State's track record of Southland Conference Tournament success, and the spectacular albeit sporadic performances by this year's Demons, gives 13th-year NSU coach Mike McConathy plenty of optimism as his team takes on Lamar Wednesday at 2:30 in a tournament quarterfinal matchup at the Merrell Center.

The Demons (16-15) and the Cardinals (20-11) split regular season games, NSU winning 74-62 at home and Lamar rolling 85-66 in Beaumont. McConathy has guided six teams to the Southland Tournament finals, winning in 2001 and 2006, with NSU 14-6 in conference tournament games in his tenure.

"Depth has always been a big plus for our team. Over a four-day tournament, depth helps keep legs fresh. We play a lot of players all season long to be in the best position to have everybody able to contribute, especially now. We are built for tournament play," said McConathy. "It's a three-game season, and if you keep winning, it starts another season. The guys have to believe in the system, believe in each other, and it's been proven successful if the team rises to the occasion."

Northwestern opened league play 7-2, but lost six of its last eight games overall, going 1-6 in conference games, while Lamar has won its last three following a skid of three losses in four outings.

"At times we've played as well



Demons will play in the quarterfinal game against Lamar at 2:30 p.m. The last game between the two resulted in a 19-point NSU loss.

as any team I've coached at Northwestern," said McConathy. "We had a 27-point lead late on Arkansas-Little Rock, who won their division in the Sun Belt. We had a 22-point lead on a 17-win Campbell team that beat Iowa by 16, and we held Campbell, who was No. 2 in the country in field goal percentage, to its worst shooting of the season. We were up 42 late last week against a Nicholls team that had won five of its last six. If we can get on one of those rolls, it

could be a pretty special run."

The Demons are the No. 6 seed, while the Cardinals are perched at No. 3 behind Texas-Arlington and Stephen F. Austin. SFA plays No. 7 Sam Houston State in another Wednesday quarterfinal, with the winner there matching up against the NSU-Lamar survivor in a 6:05 Thursday semifinal.

"We've won as a lower seed. We've been beaten by a lower seed last year that went on to win the tour-

namment. The seed doesn't matter, it's about the matchups, and we're hopeful the Lamar matchup is a good matchup," said McConathy. "Everybody is 0-0 now and nothing up to this means anything. The best team this week will win."

Lamar has three All-Southland Conference standouts, guards Mike James (16.8 scoring average), Anthony Miles (14.6) and Devon Lamb (12 points, 8.3 rebounds, second in the SLC behind NSU's William

Mosley).

"They're dangerous because they have great players, guys who can really score the basketball, and we have to keep them in check. We can also score the basketball, and when we do, we're pretty good," said McConathy.

"They've played very well recently and overall they've had a very fine season."

Said third-team All-SLC selection

Shamir Davis, a junior point guard leading NSU with a 13.4 scoring average:

"Lamar has great guard play, some good rebounders inside. Lamb is outstanding there. Obviously we've got to do a better job rebounding and we'll knock down our share of shots."

Mosley rejoined the team for a walk-through Monday night, and travelled with the Demons Tuesday morning to Katy following a team practice. The senior center suffered the sudden passing of his nearly-year-old twin boys Saturday night.

"Obviously he's hurting," said Davis, also a high school teammate of Mosley's at Shreveport-Huntington. "We've never seen or heard of anything like it, and we're trying our best to handle it and to support him. We know this is his last year and he really wants that ring. If we didn't have reason before, we really have one now."

Mosley is NSU's second-leading scorer with an 11.3 average, 18.5 per game in the last two games. He tops the Southland with his 9.6 rebounding average and is second nationally with 4.1 blocked shots per game.

The game will be broadcast on the Demon Sports Network, flagshipped by 100.7 KZBL FM in Natchitoches and including 99.9 KTEZ FM in Many and 92.1 KSYR FM in Shreveport.

The audio will be streamed on nsudemons.com with free streaming video on SLC Now at the southland.org website. Twitter updates will be provided at the @NSUDemonsMBB account.

Selected faculty can 'guest coach' athletic teams at NSU

Andrea Nedorostova
Sauce Reporter

Attention faculty: If you've ever been an armchair quarterback, now is your chance to "guest coach" an NSU athletic team this spring. The only requirement is to be selected by the student-athletes who attend your classes.

This new initiative is part of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee at NSU (SAAC). Originally started by the NCAA in 1989, the organization promotes a student-athlete voice within the NCAA structure and a positive student-athlete image.

As guest coaches, faculty members would attend practices, games and team-meetings to better understand the team. Spending a day around athletes would allow professors a better perspective of the student-athlete life.

"I thought it was good to get the professors involved because sometimes they don't understand all the hard work that we do," Nic Russo, NSU football player and senior mass communications major, said. "It was good for them to see us at practice and during games."

The pilot for guest coaching began two years ago with football and the men's and women's basketball teams. As of the fall 2011, all sports have an opportunity to participate in the program.

One of the faculty members who participated with football last fall was science instructor Roxanne Lane.

"I did have a good time," Lane said. "I was very impressed with the way it was organized. I went to the football practice where I got to meet the team, and I really enjoyed that part. I did learn more about what they go through. I have more appreciation for the athletic

department now for how busy they are and how hard they try to make NSU sports more professional."

During the year, SAAC serves as a forum for student-athlete welfare. Each team selects two student representatives who attend biweekly meetings. SAAC set three main goals for 2012: unity across sports, unity across campus and more involvement from Natchitoches in NSU athletics.

Carrie Crowell, Head Academic Coordinator for athletes, supports the goals of SAAC.

"One of the biggest things about SAAC that is important is that it gives a student-athlete a voice," Crowell said. "It puts them in charge of things other than athletic administrators."

It is all about student-athlete's experience. SAAC allows them to be in control and teaches them how to become leaders."



Soccer "guest coaches" Susan Dollar and Jim Cruise cheer on players in pre-game line in the fall 2011.

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"I want to increase communication between SGA, administration and students," Houston said. "I hope more students will be committed to getting involved and voicing their opinions on what changes they want to see." Houston's involvement in other recognized student organizations such as the African American Caucus, Helping Hands and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity keeps him in

Maxile believes good

"I'm going to lead by example."

Spain encourages students to make informed decisions before placing a vote. Informed decision-making falls in directly in line with her campaign slogan—"Putting the

"When I decided to run for the

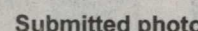
Although the candidates have different methods of being productive leaders, they share a common desire to increase their public service to the student body.

Contessa Wills *Sauce Reporter*

The ladies of the Purple Jackets host guests at the President's House, accommodate alumni at home sporting events and help with commencement ceremonies. Whenever politi-

Zeno said that the Purple Jackets was the first organization that caught her eye when she started attending NSU. Zeno added that another reason she joined was that the organi-

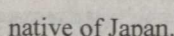
"Being a member of an honor society looks good on your resume," Tiffany Thomas, a current member, said.



Pictured above: members of NSU's Purple Jackets. The RSO is currently seeking new members.

Courtesy of News Bureau

According to Dr. Masahito Kuroda, concert organizer, "A Song for Japan" was originally composed by Dutch composer Steven Verhelst and has been performed around the world "to send musical good thoughts to people who are suffering due to the catastrophic tsunami and earthquake in northern Japan." Kuroda is assistant professor of euphonium, tuba, sound recording and music technology at Northwestern State and is a



"It is 12 months this March since the disaster and the rebuilding of lost communities has been very difficult over there," Kuroda said. "For this occasion, I have arranged the music

to include all the NSU brass players, choir, percussions and piano, both students and faculty. This new arrangement for mass ensemble is going to be world premier event that night and video of the concert will

The concert will feature the NSU Chamber Choir under the direction of Dr. Burt Allen, the NSU Concert Choir under the direction of Dr. Chris Gilliam, the NSU Trumpet En-

The project commissioned a musical work, and with the composer's permission, made "A Song for Ja-

Since its launch, professional and amateur musicians from around the globe have responded, ranging from the musicians of the Berlin Philharmonic, New York Philharmonic and European music conservatory professors to middle school trombonists.

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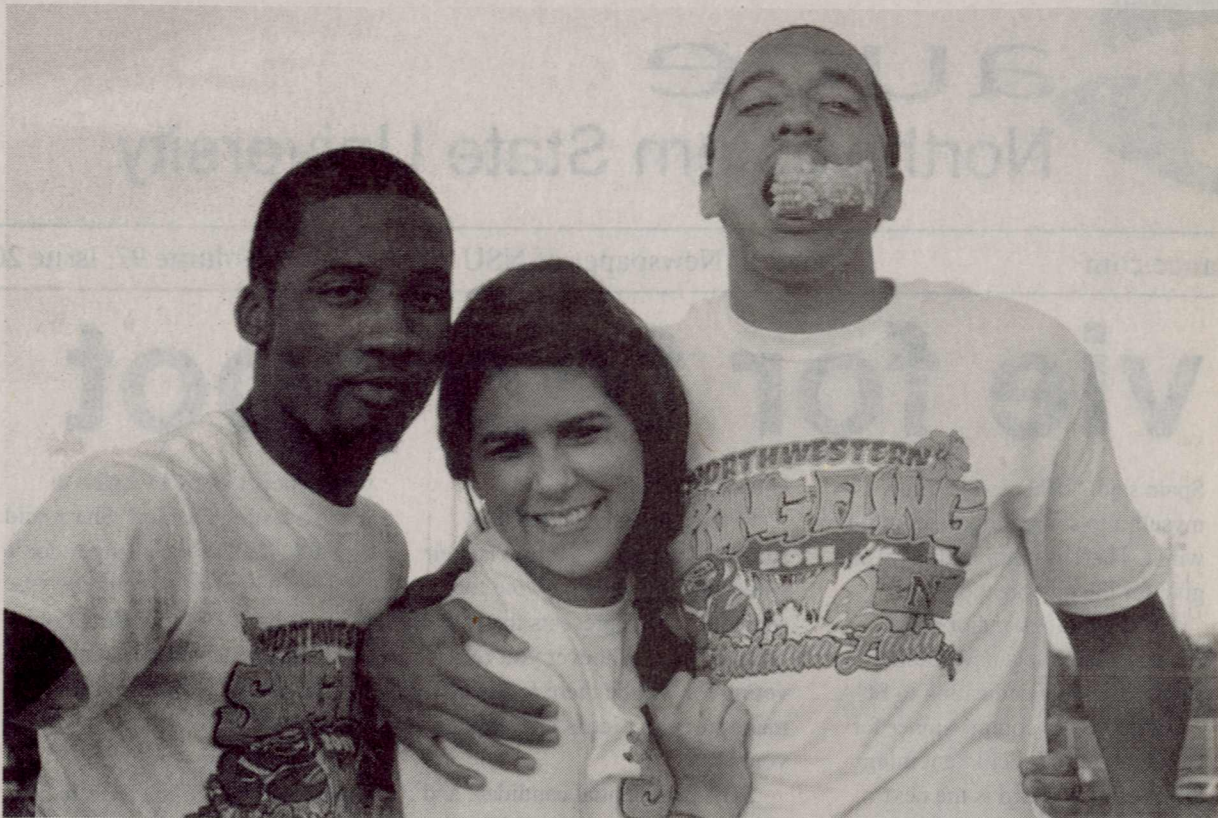
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SAB members photographed at last year's Spring Fling. This year's event will feature similar events including a crawfish boil.

Let the good times roll

Alexis Reliford
Staff Writer

Midterms are finally over and students can take a break from non-stop studying.

Exhausted frowns on faces have suddenly changed into smiles as students breathe a sigh of relief and get ready to enjoy the rest of the spring semester. But what's there to do?

Coming soon to a campus near you is Spring Fling 2012. This year's theme is "Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler," meaning "Let the Good Times Roll!" It will be held on Wednesday, March 28 from 2

p.m. to 6 p.m. at the NSU Tailgating Field.

Spring Fling is an annual event hosted by the Student Activities Board.

"I'm very excited about Spring Fling this year," junior Austin McCann said. "Planning wasn't that hard because I had an awesome group of 15 helping me plan it." McCann, SAB's Executive Rep at Large, is in charge of planning large events such as Spring Fling.

According to McCann, at the event students will be able to fill their stomachs with all the crawfish and jambalaya they want.

They will also have the opportunity to make personalized

street signs, take funny pictures with their friends in the photo booth and get wet on the gigantic water slide. Drinks and an oxygen bar will also be provided by Fresh Campus.

There'll be no shortage of entertainment at this year's event as Chris Ardion, a zydeco accordionist and singer, will be performing. Also showcasing its talents is NSU's Glee Club.

"This is my first year, and I'm excited to see how everything turns out," freshman Matt Spence said.

The event and activities are free with a student I.D. and current spring 2012 sticker.

Theatre department to produce 'As it is in Heaven'



Cast members Victoria Olivier, Morgan Mosley, Eileen Peterson, Coryn Bourgeois and Natalie Sibille.

Courtesy of News Bureau

Northwestern State University Theatre and Dance will present *As it is in Heaven* March 14-17 at 7:30 p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Dr. Vicki Parrish is the director. Andrew Lewis is musical director.

Tickets are \$15 and \$12 for senior citizens and non-Northwestern State students. NSU and Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts are admitted free with a current student I.D. Tickets are available online at theatre.nsula.edu.

As it is in Heaven is a moving portrayal of upheaval caused when the utopian existence of an 1830s Shaker community in Kentucky is threatened by the arrival of "newcomers" claiming to see angels. Critics have called the play "powerful and insightful...a thought-provoking piece, the message being that often we need not look as far as heaven to see angels here on earth."

"They had a communal living situation bound together by their Shaker beliefs," said Parrish. "Women in the community could vote and had equal authority. The conflict comes when two newcomers enter the community. They are more modern with a rebellious streak that doesn't sit well with the structure of the community."

Members of the cast are Coryn Bourgeois of St. Amant, Tori Cormier of Moss Bluff, Amber English of Port Allen, Rachel Harper and Hannah Williams of Baton Rouge, Taylor Morgan of Gonzales and Morgan Mosley of Fort Smith, Ark. The cast also includes Victoria Olivier of Lafayette, Eileen Peterson of Woodworth, Sarah Roberts of Chattanooga, Tenn., Natalie Sibille of Lafayette and Latreshia Stormer of Folsom.

Eric Yeager of Fort Smith, Ark., is stage manager and Ariana Michel of Slidell and Brandon Moore of Alvarado, Texas, are assistant stage managers. Kellie Bowles of Tyler, Texas, is set designer and Shalem Johnson of Marshall, Texas, is choreographer.

"The message of the play is that finding simple gifts in life is what is important," said Parrish. "Being caring and loving is a gift one can give the community without any monetary cost." For more information, call (318) 357-4483.

Alpha Phi Alpha hosts week of events

Tiffany Thomas
Life Editor

This week the Theta Chi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. presents Alpha Week 2012, titled "Undisputed."

Alpha Phi Alpha prides itself on being the first black Greek-lettered organization and much of that pride went into the conception of the theme for the Theta Chi chapter's spring week.

In addition, Alpha Week chairman, Timothy Rice said, "The high expectations we had for the events planned" also birthed the 'Undisputed' theme."

"We truly felt as though this would be the week that brought life to the campus by bringing back the excitement that this institution [NSU] has been lacking for a while now," Rice added.

"Undisputed" is currently underway, but don't worry, there are still more events left in the week you can still attend.

Today is day four of "Undisputed" and the Alphas present "Ring Side" in which there will be prize giveaways in the Student Union lobby from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Later this evening will be the Women's Appreciation Program in the Student Union Ballroom from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is free, but the members request that those who attend are dressed in semi-formal attire.

The Alphas want the student body to get ready for some fun Thursday as they host the "50 Cents Party" at the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center. Admission is only 50 cents, and the doors will open at 10:36 p.m.

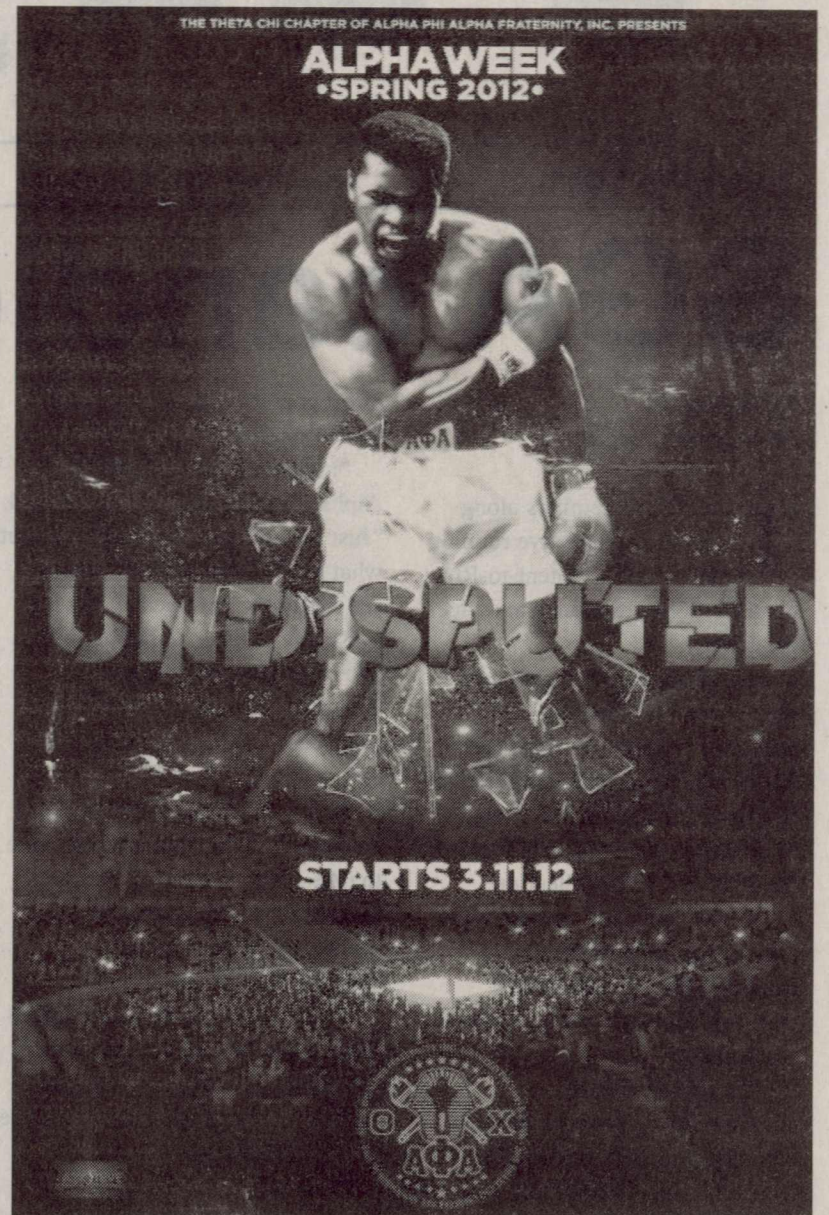


Photo by Stephen Llorens

Alpha Week 2012 is titled "Undisputed" and will have many events for students.

On Friday there will be a field day event at the President's field on campus starting at 2 p.m. There will be food, drinks, music and games.

Saturday, the final day of Alpha week is strictly set aside for members of the fraternity, but the Alphas hope that students will enjoy the events left for the week.

"The only thing we expect to gain from this week is that our fellow peers and the entire student body realize how much we appreciate them for the love and support they give us," Rice said.

Students can follow the Alphas on Twitter @NSU_Alphas for updates on events and general Alpha business.

The college party: Where anything goes except clothes

Jacob Labutka
Fashion Columnist

Without a doubt you will be at many parties throughout your college career and many of which will have a theme.

The theme that best allows you to creatively express yourself by arousing intrigue (or scandal) is ABC (Anything But Clothes). Although there are a plethora of pizza boxes and trash bags out there, it's sometimes difficult to decide what to do with these non-clothing items to make you stand out. Allow me to advise you on how to inspire a cutting edge look with the least conventional materials.

There are certain common ABC outfits that are easily assembled but will not distinguish you from others in the crowd. If you have a strong desire to use your linens or have been watching movie marathons starring the stereotypical drunken frat boy, then I'd suggest wearing a toga.

Perhaps the party starts in a few hours and you want to find splashes of color and shine amongst something you have, like leftover beads from Fat Tuesday for instance. You can put those beads to use by making a skirt or dress out

of them over appropriately placed fabrics (as opposed to them just being buried in your closet).

Another idea for your attire is to purchase items that would traditionally be used to decorate a party, except the festivity you'll be decorating is yourself. Anything from wrapping yourself in garland to recreating Madonna's pointy bra from party hats is fair game.

Another one of the most common trends in ABC partying is utilizing duct tape. While this trend does run rampant at these parties, it comes in many different patterns and colors and can recreate almost any article of clothing.

It is also good to take into consideration the utilization of those accessories that are normally meant as complements to clothing.

For example, the image showcases sophomore Desiree Hatten wearing an outfit fit for public nightlife that is designed entirely out of scarves.

Keep in mind that I've only but given a few ideas from the endless number there are considering you can wear *anything* but clothes. Getting dressed for ABC may not be as easy as 1-2-3, but it does offer endless creative possibilities without the constraints of traditional clothing.



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'Slut-shaming' and victim blaming in a rape culture



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editor

After the ordeal involving Rush Limbaugh on February 29th, the word "slut-shaming" seemed to be everywhere I looked on the Internet.

From comments on a celebrity's Facebook account (where a man from New York questioned why America seemed to "hate" women) to blogs writing on the Sandra Fluke controversy specifically, the Internet was abuzz with this new term. To be honest, I was surprised at the things I learned when I looked delved deeply into this subject.

"Slut-shaming" is defined as

a "the idea of shaming and/or attacking a woman or a girl for being sexual, having one or more sexual partners, acknowledging sexual feelings, and/or acting on sexual feelings" according to the blog FinallyFeminism101.

This is not a new phenomenon, women have been coping with something called a "rape culture" for years. Slut-shaming and victim blaming are all a part of a rape culture that blames women for being raped.

This may seem unlikely, but a few years ago a woman's case was thrown out of court for just this reason. Melanie Ross of Georgia reported a rape by a man she had gone on a date with, but the judge seemed to dismiss the importance of her case because of her sexual

history.

A number of cuts and bruises on her body were presented as evidence of her assault, but they were ultimately written off by the judge as incidental. The judge questioned Ross on her sexual history in the courtroom and came to the understanding that a woman who willingly has sex with men could not possibly say no in any other case.

Though Ross said that she had been drugged and had no recollection of the evening, the judge decided that this meant there could be no real proof of the rape. Not only did Ross lose her trial, she was fined \$150,000 of the defendant's court costs.

While this is an extreme example, it is not the only one.

Women all over the world are constantly ignored when they tell authorities that they have been sexually abused. If not ignored, they are told it was their fault because they were sexually active or because they were dressed a certain way.

This leads to what I mentioned before: a culture in which a woman can be blamed for being raped. This is the reason that many rapes go unreported. A fight against this started last year in Toronto. The first annual SlutWalk was held in support of women who were blamed or ignored.

The SlutWalk started when a Toronto police officer said: "Women should avoid dressing like sluts in order not to be victimized." In protest of these kinds of ideas, women proceeded down the streets

carrying signs that read: "Why are my clothes louder than my voice" and "Society teaches 'Don't get raped' rather than 'Don't rape'."

While the effectiveness of the SlutWalk can be disputed, it definitely brings women together for a cause that may go unnoticed by those who are not victims.

Here is something to know about sexual assault: women are usually assaulted by people they know. The "stranger in the bushes" scenario is not as likely as being assaulted by a friend, lover, or relative. More than half of female rape victims (51.1%) report being assaulted by an intimate partner and 40.8% by an acquaintance. That leaves only around 8% of victims who were assaulted by someone they did not know.

According to a statistical average over the years in the United States, it seems that most female victims of rape were victimized before the age of 25 (79.6%). If you would like to know more about these statistics, please go to: www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention.

If you or someone you know is the victim of a sexual assault, please immediately call the police and demand that a rape kit be done on you. Call a friend to go with you. Your clothes, the way you walk, the way you talk, or where/when you are out DO NOT matter. All that matters is that you did not give your consent.

There is no reason to feel ashamed or guilty. The perpetrator is the one who has a problem, never the victim.

Rants: Against phony Kony-ism



Tom H. Lawler
Opinions
Columnist

Recently in the greater social world there has been much publicity devoted towards a man known as Kony, who has been something of a holy warlord in Uganda. Not knowing much about the issue, I have gathered the following.

Kony's biggest crime has been the recruitment of child soldiers for his militant rebel group named Lord's Resistance Army, which has been a thorn in the side of Uganda for the past couple of decades. The International Criminal Court has indicted Kony as of 2006.

So, if he has been at the freedom fighting for two decades and indicted by the ICC, why is a documentary being made six years later?

And why is the Kony issue blowing up everyone's email and Facebook pages?

The documentary was made by Invisible Children, Inc. Information taken from Wikipedia on this film states that the purpose of the film was to raise awareness in hopes (used instead of "effort") of removing the already indicted Kony.

The very thought of filming a documentary seems redundant to me. Since the highest court in the world has outlawed him and the United Nations has already indicted him, I believe the world is already quite aware, thank you very much.

Not to mention his LRA is considered a terrorist organization

by the United States since the September 11 attacks.

So these simple facts pertaining to the prior awareness of Mr. Kony should be the end of any discussion on raising awareness. The powers already understand the situation.

Which brings about the question: "What is another purpose of this documentary?" And I do mean "another."

As hinted above, the film has been successful in gaining attention and more importantly, donations. Since the video has only been out for a week or so, it is hard to see how much they have gained or stand to gain.

I have heard estimates of 40 percent of profits directly aiding those in opposition to Kony, which already sounds vague. But again, that is all hearsay and too soon to tell. However, there are kits of

bracelets and posters for sale.

As we all know, posters, along with 30-minute films and Facebook, are vital and crucial for removing old and evil organizations in remote parts of Africa (of which there are a dime a dozen). Hilarity ensues.

In addition to this film for awareness (redundant), film for profit (corrupt) motivation, the magazine *Foreign Affairs* alleges that the film has slanted facts for the sake of sensationalism. Who knows?

Unfortunately, it has been so recent and the sources are still inflammatory to a certain degree (which is why I opted for Wikipedia as my info being both neutral and convenient). It may be a while before we know the whole story of Kony 2012... or Kony for that matter.

I am not arguing that he is a

negative force in the world. I do think the man is crazy as he may have 88 wives and believes that oil (holy oil) will protect him from bullets.

I also agree that using children to do one's evil work makes the situation more heinous and appalling, but in the words of one Youtube video, "thumbs-downing a Facebook page does not remove the man from power."

And since he has not been removed from office, leave that matter to the powers that are already aware of him. It is the responsibility of the U.S. to act in accordance with and as a member of the ICC and the UN.

Awareness is good, but awareness in the average citizen will be short lived and prove fruitless until the next charity movement arises.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

It was noted American wit and columnist Franklin P. Adams who made the following sage observation: "Elections are won by men and women chiefly because most people vote against somebody rather than for somebody." It's certainly something to keep in mind during this strife-ridden election season.

Americans make more collect phone calls on Father's Day than on any other day of the year.

It was a German company, Interstuhl Manufacturer, that made the world's most expensive office chair. With a price tag of \$65,500, you shouldn't be surprised that the chair is plated in gold and comes with a matching ottoman.

Have you ever wondered where we got the phrase "the dog days of summer"? According to tradition, the dog days start in July — and not just because it's usually pretty hot then. At one time, that was when Sirius, also known as the dog star, rose at sunrise. The Romans associated Sirius (called the dog star because it is the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major, or "large dog") with hot weather, and at the beginning of the dog days they would sacrifice a dog in the hope of ameliorating the sultry weather.

If you were to take the entire world's water supply and compress it into one single gallon, freshwater would make up just 4 ounces, and freshwater that is easily accessible would be just two drops.

Considering the fact that it's home to much of the American film industry, it's probably not surprising that the sprawling city of Los Angeles has the world's third-largest GMP, or gross metropolitan product.

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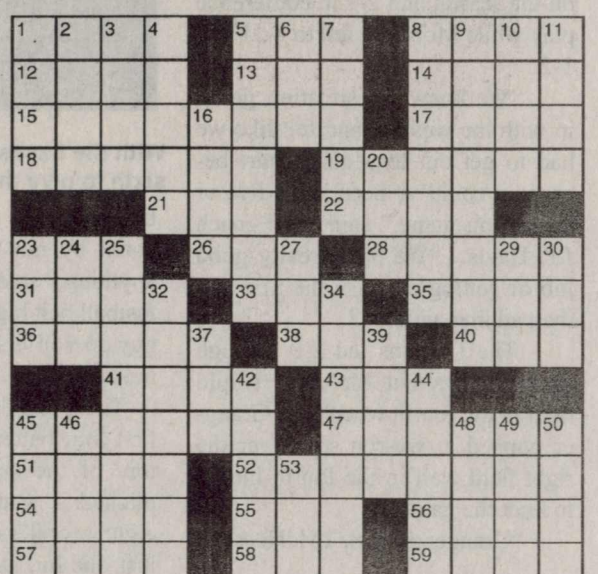
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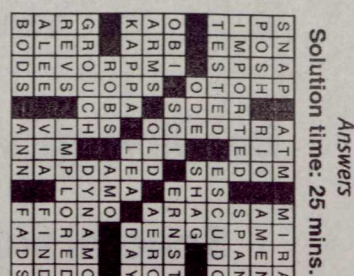
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Grimes earns scholarships from NCAA

Robbie Kleinmuntz
Sauce Reporter

Northwestern State pitching star Kelee Grimes, who ranked among NCAA softball's top pitchers as a junior last season, is one of 26 recipients of a 2012 Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Scholarship awarded by the NCAA.

Grimes, a senior from Pineville, will be formally awarded a \$6,000 postgraduate scholarship in June at the NCAA's Career in Sports Forum. Grimes plans to enroll in NSU's Sports Administration program in the Health and Human Performance department.

"I have been privileged to serve on athletic committees that have exposed me to the opportunities available to women in the administration side of sports," Grimes said. "The experience I have gained through my work with the department staff and the women that work in our academic center has inspired me to work with student-athletes."

Grimes is on pace to graduate in May, majoring in business administration with a minor in fashion merchandising. She plans to pursue a master's degree in order to apply herself in a career in collegiate athletics.



Photo by Gary Hardamon - NSU Photographic Services

Kelee Grimes pitches a strike down the middle of the plate. She has an ERA of 3.30 and record of 5-5.

"In addition to the fact that Kelee is one of a select few student-athletes nationwide to be so honored, it is even more exciting to me because of the fact that her advance degree and career plans involve working in the field of intercollegiate athletics," NSU Athletics Director Greg Burke said.

"She certainly is going to be an asset to any athletic department that

is fortunate enough to have her on staff."

The Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship for Careers in Athletics programs were developed by the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics and the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee. The NCAA awards 13 scholarships

to ethnic minorities and 13 scholarships to female college graduates who will be entering their initial year of postgraduate studies.

In order to be selected, applicants must have performed with distinction as a student body member at their respective undergraduate institution.

The applicant's involvement in

extracurricular activities, course work, commitment to pursuing a career in intercollegiate athletics and promise for success in such a career is considered.

"From the moment Kelee set foot on campus, and even during her recruiting visit, it was apparent she had the drive and dedication to be a special student-athlete at NSU," Burke said.

"She has worked hard to be a complete Division I student-athlete, while carrying herself in a professional and humble manner, and is a most deserving recipient of this prestigious NCAA postgraduate scholarship."

On the field, Grimes has a thrown two career no-hitters and is a two-time Southland Conference Pitcher of the week winner and also won LSWA Pitcher of the Week last week.

She was named to the 2011 SLC All-Academic Team, All-Louisiana Collegiate Softball Team and Capital One All-Academic District VI Team.

This season, Grimes was named to the 2012 Preseason All-SLC Second Team after ranking 18th nationally with a 1.51 ERA in 2011. She currently leads the team with five wins, a 3.30 ERA and 85 strikeouts in 57.1 innings.

Upcoming Games



Conference Games

Corpus Christi	Mar. 16
Corpus Christi	Mar. 17
McNeese	Mar. 23
McNeese	Mar. 24
SFA	April 6
SFA	April 7
SFA	April 10



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Bear's pinch hitting lifts Demons past McNeese Cowboys

Courtesy of Sports Info

A two-run pinch-hit single by Colin Bear with the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth inning snapped a 2-2 tie and helped ignite a three-run frame as Northwestern State won the rubber match of the season-opening Southland Conference baseball series against McNeese State after a 5-3 win on midday Sunday.

The game was moved up to a 10 a.m. start due to the threat of rain as the Demons improved their to 5-10 on the season and 2-1 in conference play while McNeese fell to 4-11 and 1-2.

"We knew the situation going in with the weather and felt like we had to get out to a quick start because it could've been just a five or six inning game," said head coach J.P. Davis. "We did a really good job of getting a run in the first and then adding another."

The Demons led 2-0 through three innings but McNeese would tie it in the fourth when Seth Granger popped a two-run shot over the right field wall in the fourth inning to knot the game up.

"Granger is their (McNeese's)



Photo by Gary Hardamon

With the bases loaded, Colin Bear snaps a 2-2 tie in the bottom of the sixth to give the Demons the win over McNeese State University.

best guy and we got down in the count by not wanting to give him anything," said Davis. "We throw a fastball belt high and that's what that guy does. He's a good hitter and hits mistakes."

The Demons landed three of their first four batters on base in the bottom of the sixth when Bear, who pitched a gem on Saturday with eight scoreless inning and allowed just one hit, stepped up to the plate

and knocked a full count pitch up the middle to score Nick Hinojos and Nick Doughty to make it 4-2.

Ray Frias followed with a two-out, RBI single through the left side that scored Kevin Sanford who pinch ran for Bear, and gave the Demons a 5-2 lead.

"Our guys did a great job of not allowing that tying home run to get them tight," said Davis. "We put up that three-spot in the sixth. Obvi-

ously, Bear with the big blow pinch hit. I felt like it was a really good matchup. Their guy has a good arm. Bear got ahead in the count and then their guy evened it, and with a 3-2 count, Bear got a really good swing on the pitch. And that really was the difference in the ball game."

Jacob Williford started the game on the mound of the Demons and threw four innings and gave up two runs on three hits with a walk and a strikeout. Mason Melotakis came in to hurl the remaining five frames to get the win and gave up one run on five hits, struck out four and walked none while moving his record to 1-1 on the season.

"I told Melotakis yesterday (Sat-

urday) he was going to be the first guy out of the pen. Even though Willy (Williford) gave up that two spot, it was very important he got us at least four innings. We wanted five but we needed four. Melo came in and did a nice job in an extended outing for him. He did a really good job of pounding the zone with the fastball."

McNeese starting pitcher Jacob Williams was lifted with one out in the second inning after he rolled his ankle on a pick off attempt to first base. That started a barrage of five more Cowboy pitchers the rest of the game.

Michael Clemens, who closed out the win for the Cowboys in Sat-

urday's doubleheader nightcap, took the loss after he allowed three runs on four hits with two walks and a strikeout in 2.1 innings pitched.

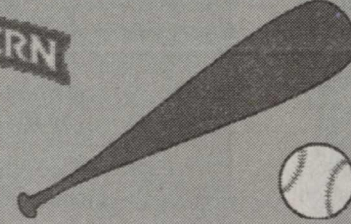
Offensively, the Demons pounded out eight hits with Frias going 2-for-4 with a RBI and run scored to lead the way. Ryan Westbrook knocked in two runs on a 1-for-4 game and Bear finished 1-for-1 with two RBI.

The Demons also did a nice job in the field with some spectacular in-field grabs.

For rest of story, see
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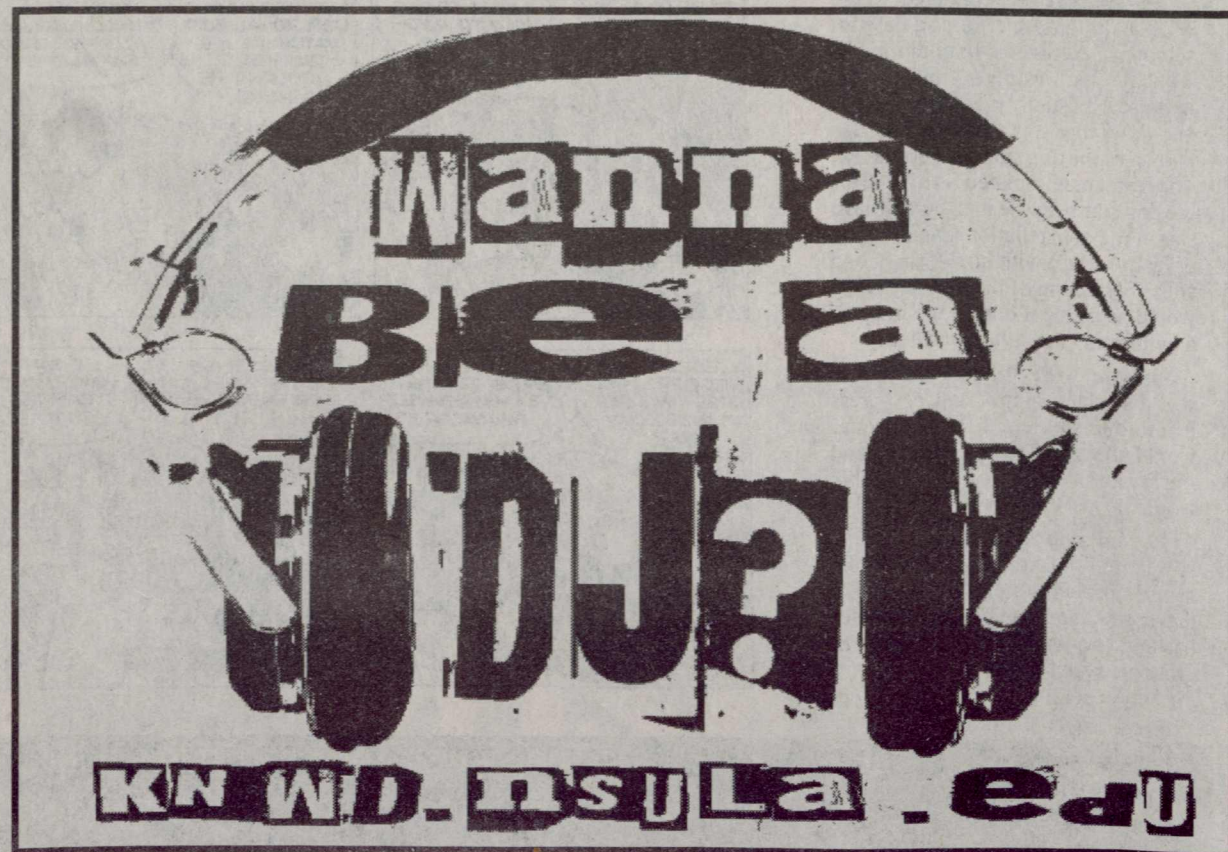
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Aron Ralston tells Northwestern his story

Alexis Reliford
Sauce Reporter

What would you do if you were literally stuck between a rock and a hard place? Would you stay there and die, or would you make the difficult choice to cut off one of your limbs to set yourself free?

These questions and many others are what experienced canyon climber Aron Ralston asked himself when an 800-pound boulder broke loose, crushed his right hand and forearm, and pinned him against a canyon wall in April 2003.

Ralston spoke to NSU students Tuesday evening in A.A. Frederick's Auditorium. He vividly described the shocking details about his life-altering experience, and he apologized for not being James Franco.

Ralston was descending a remote Utah canyon alone when he became stuck for over five days with no water or no way of escaping. Faced with life or death, he made the decision to amputate his arm below the elbow using a multi-tool containing a dull two-inch knife.

"It's an honor and a blessing not only to be alive but to also be able to share my story," Ralston said.

Ralston wrote "Between a Rock and a Hard Place," an international bestselling autobiography that documents his experiences in a Utah canyon.

His accident and book were also the basis for the 2010 movie "127 Hours" starring James Franco. Franco's performances, as well as the movie, were nominated for numerous awards.

Hiking was nothing new to Ralston because to him they were like "Spring Break without the wet t-shirt contest." Mesmerized by the beauty of his natural surroundings, he parked his Jeep and rode his bike about eight miles into the canyon.

Ralston then parked the bike and continued on foot for about another eight miles.

Along the way he met two women, Megan and Kristi, who he showed around the canyon's paths before he separated from them. Ralston declined the invitation to join the two women to go see historic pictographs along the canyon walls. They would be the last people he saw for the next five days.

When Ralston tried to go down into the canyon path he accidentally dislodged the canyon and it fell on his arm and trapped him between the canyon's wall. He came to the realization that he would die in the canyon since he had not told anyone about his plans to go hiking. Therefore no one would know where to look for him.

Ralston's original thought was "Dude you're going to have to cut off your arm," a thought he quickly shook away. His wrist was instantly crushed to the size of his pinky finger.

For the next couple of days he tried to escape the hold of the boulder by chipping away at it and pushing the boulder off of his arms. He had no food and had slowly become dehydrated because his water supply was short. Out of desperation to survive, Ralston resorted to drinking his own urine. Ralston taped final good-byes to his family and friends using the camera in his backpack.

On the fifth day, he carved his initials into the sandstone as well as the day of his (predicted) death because he was convinced he wouldn't survive until the next morning.

Ralston knew somehow, somehow he would survive this accident after he had a premonition where he saw a little blue-eyed boy run up to him smiling. When Ralston picked the boy up, he saw his arm was free.

"One hundred and twenty seven hours later, I figured it out!" Ralston said. He revisited the idea of cutting

off his arm and began the process at around 10:36 a.m.

After realizing he couldn't cut through the bone, he used the boulder as leverage to break a bone in his arm. At that moment most people would be screaming and crying but according to Ralston he was yelling, "AHHH YES!"

He quickly remembered that there are two bones in your arm so he proceeded to break the second bone and finished off the amputation by cutting the nerves and muscles and set himself free.

Severing his own arm was one of the greatest pains he ever felt, but he was smiling.

"I stepped out my grave and into my life again," Ralston said.

He climbed up from within the canyon and hiked until he met a family who provided water and assistance. Fortunately, Ralston's mother had sent a search and rescue team for him after she had hacked into his email account and narrowed down his possible location.

Around the time Ralston began amputating his arm, the rescuers had found his abandoned truck. If he had completed the amputation any sooner, Ralston would have bled to death before being rescued.

"It was all thanks to her," Ralston said, pointing to a picture of his mom on the screen.

Ralston currently lives in Colorado with his wife Jessica and his blue-eyed son, Leo. The accident hasn't stopped Ralston from exploring more canyons and hiking, but he's always sure to leave a note now about where he's going.

He noted that everyone has some sort of "boulder" in their life and that his boulder is the greatest thing that's ever happened to him. He hopes everyone can find greatness in his or her own boulders.

"It's not about what you do that creates meaning, it's who you are."



Photo submitted by Katie Beverly
Aron Ralston speaks of his experiences to NSU students in A. A. Fredericks Auditorium.

Debate shows candidates' intent to get involved with students



Staff Editor
Jarred Roberts

Monday afternoon marked the "big" debate between presidential candidates Derrick Houston, Sarah Spain, and Richard Sharp. The debate took place Monday at 5 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Union.

Those students that did attend the debate were given the option to write down a question in the hopes that it would get asked to the candidates during the debate.

The entire debate lasted around 50 minutes so many questions were unanswered. The questioning section brought up topics such as campus security, student funds, diversity and the immediate changes that would take place under the new president's term.

All candidates did their best to fully answer the questions in the time allotted. While they did a good job of answering the questions of diversity and student funds, the answers to the questions concerning security were rather empty.

Current President Tara Luck made an appearance and liked the

answers given about diversity and how student funds were handled, but she would have liked to have seen more concrete plans in the candidates' answers.

When asked what she wanted to see in the next term, Luck responded that she would like the effort she put into building a new Student Union to be continued.

Luck also hopes for an increased presence of SGA members around campus and at events. The implementation of SGA coffee breaks and social media websites has helped to increase this issue, but the current president would like to see this taken even further.

The candidates' desire to increase SGA's presence on campus was addressed in every candidate's response for their immediate plans.

Also present at the debates was freshman SGA member Mario Fortson. He was impressed with how important the campus and its issues was to the campus.

"It's not like in high school where it was just a popularity contest" Fortson said.

While he, like most others, would have liked to see more direct interactions between candidates, he was

well on board with working with any candidate a SGA member.

Forston agrees with the push to make sure students are more informed.

Some anonymous audience members had their own thoughts that included more than just who they should vote for. In addition to hoping for a more insightful debate, they were also hoping for a bigger turnout.

The debate was not very highly advertised, and while it hit an unofficial record amount of attendees, only 40 attendees were present out of a student body in the thousands.

Student spirit, motivation, and involvement seems to be a prominent idea in this election.

Candidate Ellie Spain's campaign motto is "Putting the U back in NSU".

Candidate Richard Sharp spoke very well on diversity and how it was important to him on a personal level. "I am the most diversified candidate up here" Sharp said in his closing statement.

Candidate Derrick Houston ended his closing statement with his motto "Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork."

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Original student work to premiere

News Bureau

Northwestern Theatre and Dance will present an original student production, *A Work in Progress*, March 30-31 at 7:30 p.m. and March 31 at 2 p.m. in Theatre West. Admission is free and open to the public. Timothy Callais is the director.

This play has been built from scratch using long-form improvisation and scene study," said Callais, a theatre major from Baton Rouge. "We're taking the cast of six's real life experiences, and skeletons, wants and desires, throwing it into a big melting pot, creating substantial characters and improvising magic."

Members of the cast are Alexis Smith of Mandeville, Sharla Mills of Fourny, Texas. Myesha-Tiara McGarner and Shannon Harger of Baton Rouge, Tyler Price of New Orleans and Sarah Folkins of Slidell.

"We want to exhibit long-form improvisation as a tool that any actor, writer or director can use," said Callais. "We want to show the power that can come between two people and what the human mind is capable of. There is no finished product in art, only deadlines."

Callais said the cast is working from a general outline, but is using the freedom they have to try new things.

"It's informed improv. We know the characters, but what happens between them isn't settled," he said.



Myesha-Tiara McGarner, Tyler Price, Shannon Harger, Alexis Smith, Sarah Folkins, Sharla Mills

"Every time could be something a little different."

Price, a freshman, is doing his first improv work.

"When I found out about this, I was both scared and excited," said Price. "I have never done anything

like it, but it has been rewarding and challenging for me. The character I play is loosely based on me and has forced me to face certain issues. I have enjoyed finding myself in the character."

According to Callais, examples

of long-form improvisation include films by director Christopher Guest like *This is Spinal Tap*. He thinks the issues explored will hit home with a college audience.

"College such an important time for many people. It's a time when

you go through new adventures," he said. "I'm very proud of my cast and our department for allowing me to do this type of experiment. It's working better than expected."

Next 'Second Season' show tries new approach

Caleb Strange
Sauce Reporter

For NSU's theatre players' next "Second Season" show, Timothy Callais, a theatre directing and performance major, will unveil his new and original production "A Work in Progress." "Second Season" is the student directed and performed play performances for the spring semester.

"People shouldn't come to this show expecting to see

something that they're used to," Callais said. "This is not your typical piece of theatre. Most of the actors will be seen in lights that people have never seen them in before."

The show will be held this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. at Theatre West on-campus.

After each performance there will be a "talk back" where members of the audience will be able to ask questions and interact with the cast and crew.

The show will be free and

seats will be given away on a first come, first served-basis.

This original piece is set around a college improv troupe that tackles hardships throughout the show such as first love, losing one's virginity, homosexuality and other problems encountered in college.

An improv show is a show that has no script and is driven by the quick wits of its actors and, in some cases, the audiences are allowed to play along each performance.

"I'm doing this show to

prove that long form improv is a vital tool for the working actor," Callais said. "I believe when it comes to art there are no final products just deadlines. This play will really bring out and show the power of connection between all of the actors."

The play consists of six lead cast members: Alexis Smith, Sharla Mills, Sarah Folkins, Myesha-Tiara McGarner, Shannon Harger and Tyler Price.

Using the audition for NSU's improv troupe "Out on

a Limb," the show was cast at the end of last semester. With rehearsal five nights a week for three hours a night, and with opening night around the corner, the cast and crew are polishing up their act.

"This should be a fun show," Callais said. "The audience will have a chance to choose a word that is incorporated into the show. Everything has gone better than expected, and I look forward to presenting "A Work in Progress."



Jacob Labutka
Fashion Columnist

The color wheel of fashion

Since it has been an overall sunny week, this spring should inspire the savvy fashionista to wear brightly-colored colors to celebrate the new season.

However, even among bright spring colors there seems to be variations of "what's hot" and "what's not."

For every season, the color trends are chosen by organizations such as Color Association of the United States (CAUS) and Pantone. The committees are comprised of textile manufacturers and top designers who meet in these organizations to discuss the upcoming season's fashion color trends.

The colors are selected based on what the committee members feel will reflect the season based on societal trends. However, the season's colors are chosen two years prior (i.e. Spring 2012 colors were selected in 2010), which makes this a process of color forecasting.

Fashion industry experts argue that choosing the colors two years ahead of time is necessary so textile manufactures can make the materials in these colors that designers will use. But how can you account for shifts in possible societal changes in two years (e.g. meteorologists' forecasts aren't always accurate)?

Besides the apparent faults of color forecasting, most, if not all, of these decisions are based on fashion trends in major metropolitan areas. I recently watched *Fashion Star*, and I'm reminded of a judge saying something to the effect of "clothes shouldn't be designed just for Seattle or New York, but for America as a whole."

I'm not saying that the colors chosen by CAUS and Pantone are the wrong colors to wear. However, I do believe that sometimes deviating from what others purport to be in fashion can still be fashionable in itself. We should still appreciate what these committee members do because they must put a lot of thought into the specific colors that are chosen each season. I'm sure they don't expect designers to make clothes in only 10 colors for one season; it's more than likely just a suggestion of what will look good.

In the end, the colors you wear depend on the colors and styles that look best on you and the colors aren't solely worn to adhere to a seasonal color scheme (that is probably similar to previous ones).

Keep in mind the countless number of shades created from primary colors. I think we can agree that wearing all of any shade of black or brown in any warm season eats up too many rays of sun, unless you enjoy feeling like a boiled lobster.

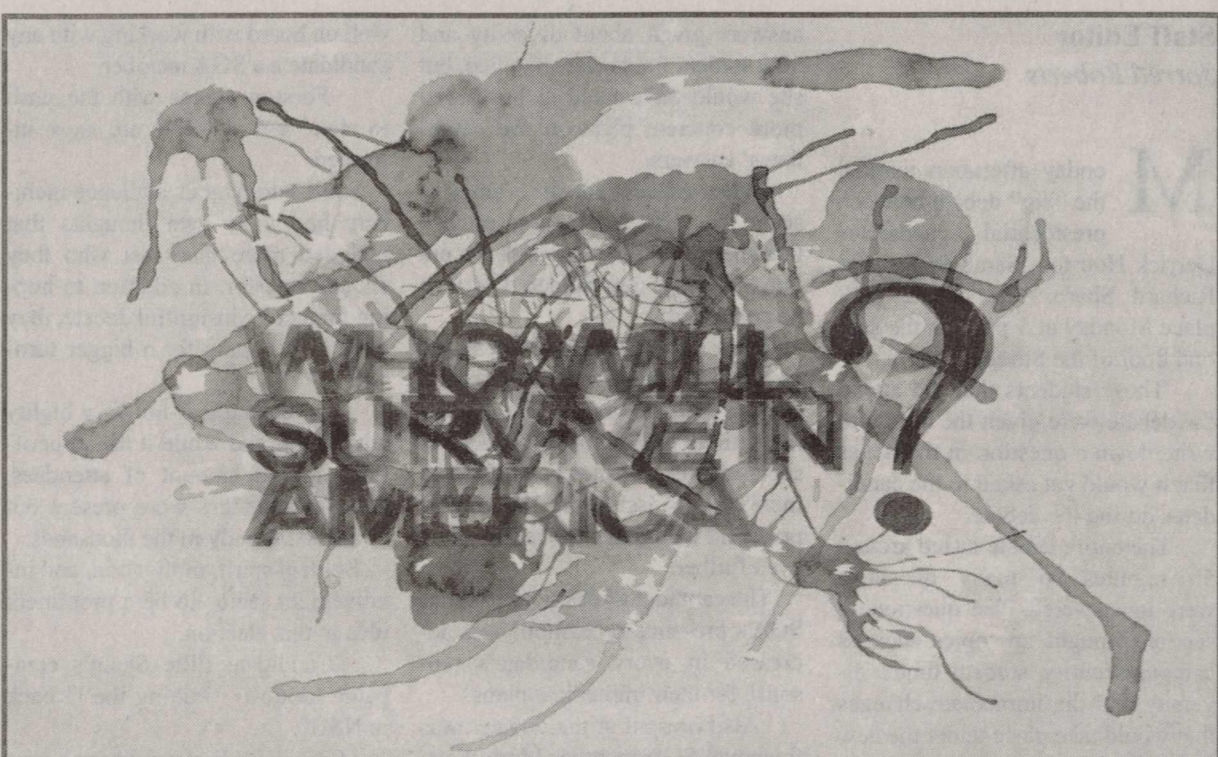


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AAC to host second annual forum

Tiffany Thomas
Life Editor

The question is "Who will survive in America?" NSU's African American Caucus (AAC) will be hosting its second annual forum posing this same question to students, faculty and the community. This year's theme, "Vote or Be Silent" is designed to convey the importance of voting to students.

The objective of the forum is to provide societal awareness by voicing individual opinions on how many American citizens still feel plagued by injustices in the nation. There will be a panel discussion including citizens from different backgrounds of life including NSU students, Natchitoches town officials and NSU professors.

The panel will speak on premises including the war in Iraq, budget cuts for colleges, birth control and the effects of social networking in today's society.

AAC President Kenneth Brown encourages students to attend the forum and voice their concerns to the panel so that their voices can be heard. "A voteless people is a hopeless people," he said.

This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

The date of the forum is to be announced.

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NSU 'Occupies' Wall St. at Zuccotti Park

Catherine Beverly
Opinions
editor

The crowd chanted obscene phrases to the police as men from the Counterterrorism division surrounded protesters in Zuccotti Park. It is the six-month anniversary of the first Occupy Wall Street Movement.

These movements have been a source of scandal for police officers across the country. Complaints of rough treatment and abuse of power have always shadowed these events. There was no change on this anniversary.

The day started with a few officers in yellow safety vests patrolling the small park in Manhattan's Financial District. The protesters had arrived earlier that morning, but they were getting riled up. Although I have not seen the gritty underbelly of many protest rallies, I can not say I am sure of which "side" I may take.

I arrived around 11 a.m. and had the good sense to leave before the movement became too violent (which it soon did). Something that begged my attention was that the protest was quickly devolving into an antagonizing movement directed at the police officers stationed nearby. Instead of protesting about financial issues, they were taunting the police officers.

As much as I support the movement's cause, I think that



A man waves an "Occupy" flag at the six-month anniversary of Occupy Wall Street in Zuccotti Park.

Photo submitted by Catherine Beverly

any large gathering of people who are passionate has the potential to quickly become out of control. This is proven when the crowd began to antagonize the police. Why does this matter? Because you are not supporting your cause by acting like a mob.

And that is exactly what I saw: mob mentality. People were

climbing on large planters and being pushed up to chant from a height. They were chaining themselves to things around the park although no one had asked them to leave.

I was bumped and pushed by on-lookers. A man asked me a question about a barricade the police had erected and when my answer did

not satisfy him, he shoved me aside to get closer to the action.

When a young female police officer asked a man to get off of the planter (I suppose you could say it was a safety risk to have all of those people towering over the rest of the crowd), he refused. This, in my opinion, is what started the ball rolling.

Just so I can be clear, I do not condone any violent action taken by an organization, much less the police, but I do not think they should be villainized as the sole reason for some of these outcomes. They are just as human as the rest of us, and they are just as prone to making mistakes.

(In some situations, it may be obvious that a certain group is to blame [silent/completely peaceful protests, etc.], but I am referring to protests that are chaotic and not well focused.)

If you were standing alone in a crowd of almost two hundred as they threw insults at you, you could get flustered and defensive too. This is what I believe leads to most of the incidents reported by civilians.

Some acts of violence may be committed on purpose; I am not implying that the police can do no intentional wrong. I am merely stating that if someone reports having their hair pulled or being pushed into a wall with a little too much force, that response could most definitely be because of the energetic and chaotic environment. Maybe this means that I am incredibly naïve, but I just think (most) of these officers were just trying to do their job; they are part of the 99 percent. They have families and loved ones to support.

Next time you are at a protest, or if you are reading about one on the internet, try to imagine what it was like. Take a moment to see it from the side of the group you deem the villains. The protesters and police officers are on the scene for similar reasons: safety.

If you do not agree with my article, or if you would like to propose a different angle, please feel free to send a letter to "The Current Sauce" detailing your opinions. This is your newspaper, and we would love to hear from you.

Hungry, hungry children

Tom H. Lawler
Opinions
Columnist

By now, many of you have perhaps seen the most recent fiction fad sweeping the nation, "The Hunger Games." Perhaps a smaller number of you have read the books or plan to read the books, for who could be bothered to read these days?

As usual, I am opting out of this fad. I will neither waste my time or money on such a thing whose fame will last a month at most.

You can call me crazy if you like. If this movie and other fads (that have also since come and

gone) are of such significance to the human experience, you can count me out of being human too.

I have two main problems that are intrinsic to "The Hunger Games."

The first is this apocalypse fad (or even "post" apocalypse-ism) that has everyone's underwear in a bunch. I understand the excitement of the Mayans, The Book of Revelations, and Zombies.

I know any combination of the three makes the end of the world seem likely in the next fifteen minute.

And while these movies are exciting, I think the apocalypse theme has served its time well on the cinematic front.

It is time to find a new genre for everyone to enjoy and for me to

grow weary over. It has been played out.

However, the story does seem appealing. Angry teenagers fight to the death for survival. Brilliant!

The second problem is the more disconcerting of the two. Did you all forget how appalled we were at Kony 2012? Do you have no memory of two weeks ago?

Two weeks ago we were calling for the head of a man who makes children fight. And now two weeks we are cheering youngsters to their death in a movie. What happened?

I understand that the children in "The Hunger Games" are not real, but I still find it odd.

We can enjoy violence when it does not affect or cost us much, but if it is real and present in some part of the world we must eradicate it.

How is this so?

Now if a portion of the profit of The Hunger Games goes to help those in Uganda, I would be singing and cheering in the streets with bunched up underwear (same pair from above).

However, in our (humans, not just the USA) selfish nature, that will be unlikely to happen.

I bet all the money I would ever make to say that the Kony documentary will have less money made than "The Hunger Games" albeit both are ridiculous to me.

Perhaps the children of Uganda and Africa will have another chance to satisfy our blood-thirst for violence in some fictitious thriller at the box office that we cannot even imagine yet.

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What are your opinions on the recent case of the shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin?



"Though there should definitely be an investigation into the incident. The case is a clear example of institutionalized racism that has become commonplace in this country."

Kristen Hadley
humanities and social thought, Sophomore



"I think there should be a proper investigation before we form premature opinions."

Jason Johnson
clinical psychology, first year graduate student



"It is a real shame when the automatic reaction to seeing someone you think looks threatening is to shoot to kill. It is clear that something in this country must change."

Desiree Hatten
psychology, sophomore



"I feel like the whole thing has blown way out of proportion. Everybody has an opinion, but not a lot of people have any education on the topic."

Marquez Wilson
social work, freshman



"I believe there was a serious bias on the part of the shooter. He jumped too quickly to conclusions, and a life was lost. It was sad."

Emma Harrison
music education, freshman

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NSU legends reflect on past

Jimmie Walker
Editor-In-Chief

Taking trips down memory lane usually involves older people telling stories to others that pretend to be interested. An occasional nod and forced laughter is enough to satisfy the speaker while they continue with their story. But that wasn't the case when three former Demon football legends got together for a round of golf at the first annual Legends Golf Scramble at Shreveport Country Club.

Marcus Spears, Gary Reasons and Craig Nall captivated listeners as they told stories of their past times at NSU and in the NFL.

Everyone applauded while Greg Burke, NSU athletic director, introduced the three as NSU legends.

Spears, who was recently inducted into the Graduate "N" Club Hall of Fame, played 12 years in the NFL and was deemed "Best Dressed" at the golf tournament. He acknowledged the toughest question he is asked involves having to pick his most memorable moment while being a Demon.

"I remember all the fun I had in a small town environment," Spears said. "The one thing I took from NSU is that small town mentality that makes you work hard, and I try to instill that in younger people today."

Spears wasn't highly recruited, since he played only one year of high school football, and NSU was



From left to right: Marcus Spears, Gary Reasons and Craig Nall pose before tee-off time at the first annual Legends Golf Tournament.

the only college looking to land the Baton Rouge native. Despite his novitiate, he quickly developed into a NFL prospect.

"It's still feels like a dream. I

was paid a king's ransom to play a game," Spears said.

Gary Reasons arrived at NSU in a similar fashion. Like Spears, Reasons wasn't highly recruited out

of high school even though he won first team All-State in Texas.

"I think the thing I'm most proud of is getting an education," Reasons said.

He was the first in his family to attend a college and one of the few people from his high school to play collegiate football.

He earned first team All-American accolades his sophomore,

junior and senior years, making him the first player to do so in FCS Division 1-AA history.

Reasons played on a team that was well equipped to win countless titles. As a freshman, he was a teammate with former NFL players Bobby Hebert, Joe Delaney and Mark Duper.

"We had talent like no other program," Reasons said. "We just didn't win enough ball games, but it was a fun time with my teammates."

Craig Nall's stint at NSU was short but just as impressive. Nall transferred from LSU and played one year as a Demon quarterback. Like the others, Nall had a tough time picking the most memorable moment. Nall explained that his time as a Demon was full of wonderful experiences.

One of his favorite football experiences involved beating TCU, who was ranked fifth in the nation.

"We supposedly didn't have a chance against them. We didn't have that attitude. We went in expecting to win and we did." Nall also met his wife of seven years at NSU.

"My main focus was to play football," Nall said. "I definitely wasn't looking to start a relationship. Our circles mingled, and after the third time she asked if I was going to ask for her number, and the rest is history."

"I'm very fortunate to have that opportunity and that would have never happened if I didn't come to Northwestern State University," Nall added.

1st place Demons sweep the Cardinals with 10-5 win



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Ryan Westbrook provides the Demons with a sac bunt to advance a runner. The Demons beat Lamar 10-5.

Courtesy of Sports Info:

A lead-off home run by Lamar to start the game wasn't enough to rattle Northwestern State starting pitcher Andrew Adams as he settled to allow just three more hits and no runs through 6.1 innings, meanwhile designated hitter Matt Farmer knocked in a career-high five runs, including a go-ahead two-run home run in the bottom of the second inning to help lead the Demons to a 10-5 Southland Conference baseball sweep over the Cardinals Sunday afternoon.

The win moved the Demons to 10-12 overall and 7-2 in conference play as they remain tied for first place in the league standings with Sam Houston State who finished off a sweep over preseason favorite Texas State. Lamar dropped to 8-15 and 1-8 in the Southland.

Adams (1-2) notched his first win of the year after he allowed just the one run and struck out five batters to just one walk. Four more Demons pitched out of the bullpen the remainder of the 2.2 innings as Joe Scanio wrapped things up by pitching a scoreless ninth to close out the win.

The Cardinals jumped on Adams early when Jude Vidrine hit a 3-1

pitch over the wall at the deepest part of the field in center field but it almost went for naught as center fielder Drew Helenihi reached over the wall to attempt the rob, but the ball ricocheted off the front part of his glove and fell outside the park for the home run. Adams got the next three batters out and didn't allow another hit until one out in the fifth inning.

"He (Adams) was up in the zone early and getting behind batters but when we got the lead, he settled down, got some ground ball and was able to strike some guys out, which is what we expected of him," said head coach J.P. Davis.

After falling behind 1-0, Farmer, who was making just his sixth appearance on the season and led the team with a 3-for-5 showing at the plate, put the Demons up for good with his two-run home run over the right field wall one batter after Will Watson reached on an error by Lamar starting pitcher Colin Chapman.

The Demons opened things up in the third with a four-run inning with Farmer coming through once again with a two-run single to cap off the scoring and giving the Demons a 6-1 lead.

Adams sat down 12 of the 14 Lamar batters from the third through

the sixth innings as the Demons kept putting up the runs – two in the fifth and two in the sixth, to take a 10-1 lead.

"Farmer has been a pinch-hitter role player for us so far this season and hasn't really had a start yet," said Davis. "With our DH guys struggling a bit lately, and after batting practice this morning, Mac (hitting coach Jeff McCannon) and I decided to pencil him in the lineup because it was a good matchup for him."

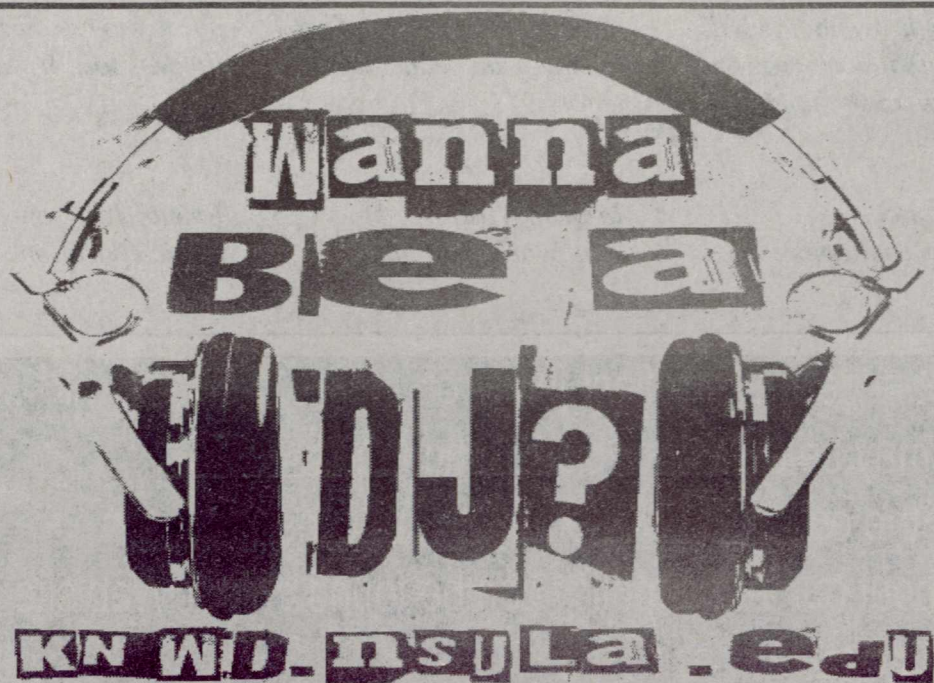
In addition to Farmer's three hits to lead the team's 11-hit attack, first baseman Nick Hinojos had a 2-for-4 day with two runs scored while Helenihi finished 2-for-5 with two runs scored.

Chapman (0-2) took the loss for Lamar after he lasted 2.2 innings and gave up six runs on four hits with two walks and 11 strikeouts.

Offensively, the Cardinals put up eight hits as center fielder Joe Arechiga and first baseman Seth Dornak led the way with two hits apiece.

The sweep was the first for the Demons over Lamar since the 2006 season and NSU is out to its

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Months of work rewarded at Research Day

Aaron Dean
Sauce Reporter

After students and faculty spent hundreds preparing for a single event, it began.

They presented their projects in 30-minute blocks, and scores of others worked behind the scenes to pull the event together. It was a day for exploring horizons and delving deeper into professions. It was Research Day.

Fifty-one students and faculty presented their projects last Thursday, occupying Morrison Hall from 8:20 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. People presented projects ranging from microbiology to studies in propaganda throughout the day.

The organizers arranged a break from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., but it wasn't a break for everyone.

More than 100 people converged in the Student Union Ballroom for the celebratory awards and speeches, and 30 additional poster-board projects were displayed. Awards were distributed, and Louisiana Poet Laureate Dr. Cane read some of her poetry.

Dr. Andy Crank, from the Language and Communications Department, won the Dr. Mildred Hart Bailey Award. This award is given in acknowledgement of outstanding research or distinguished creative work.



Saul Caranco and Christian Marks won the Student Research Awards for their research in microbial biology. They were two of many presenters.

Dr. Karen McFerrin won the Dr. Jean D'Amato-Thomas Lifetime Achievement Award. According to an NSU news release, this is given in honor of a senior faculty member who has committed significant research and service in their discipline.

McFerrin has worked in technology integration, technology leader-

ship in the schools, use of software in the learning process, and researched educational technology.

The newest award, The Dr. Marietta LeBreton award, did not have a first-time winner—it had two.

Mary Linn Wernet, the Watson Library head archivist and records officer, and Dr. Hiram Gregory, pro-

fessor of anthropology, tied for the award. The award is given to those whose careers involved research strongly connected to Louisiana.

But not all of the awards went to the faculty—Annabelle Jones, a senior in fine and graphic arts with a concentration in studio art, was recognized for her design on the Re-

search Day poster and program.

An internal panel evaluated design entries based on “integrity, appropriateness and appeal to the layperson.” The winner needed to be creative while meeting these requirements.

Saul Caranco and Christian Marks, two seniors in the Louisiana Scholars' College with concentra-

tions in scientific inquiry, both won the Student Research Awards.

The award is given for more than research—the technique, organization, and originality were just as important as what they researched.

Both researched microbial biological processes, but there research was sufficiently distinct from each other to win the award.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Julie Kane, reminded the audience that research was more than just journals and articles. Her speech embodied the theme of Research Day—the Union of Information and Creativity.

“Scholars often forget that research isn't just scholarly articles,” Kane said.

“It's about the people behind it, and the creativity that makes each piece of research unique.”

She read her tribute to Robert Borsodi, “A Hobo's Crown,” the man who hopped freight trains, opened coffee houses all over America, and supported artists who drank at his establishments.

Her poem required extensive research to relate his life story through poetry. She did the same with “A Tribute to Isabella,” the story behind NSU's Theatre ghost.

Both pieces demonstrated a method different from what students often use, one that combines individual artistic ability with the aptitude for research.

Photo submitted: News Bureau

New system to register for classes

J. C. Bryant
Sauce Reporter

A new registration procedure called NSUConnect has been implemented at Northwestern State University as the only form of registration.

From now on, students will be required to register for classes via the NSUConnect page. According to the procedure tab on the website, “The new NSUConnect system is designed so that only students can use the system to register, add, and/or drop their classes.”

Faculty members no longer have the capability to register students

for classes beginning with registration for the upcoming Fall 2012 semester.

This new system means that it's more important than ever that students play an active role in working with faculty advisors to make sure they're scheduled for the appropriate classes. Faculty can still play a role in helping students choose classes, but the responsibility for scheduling now falls strictly on the student.

“I've been scheduling my own classes for the past few semesters, so it's not that big of a change,” Michael Nation said. Not all students are having an easy time with the new process, though.

“I can't even get the website to load,” Luke Teutsch said.

Here are the steps for those who need to get to NSUConnect. Go to the NSU homepage at www.nsula.edu. Select “Web for Students Login” tab. Click on “NSU Connect” to register for the fall semester.

Students can register, drop and add classes for fall 2012 any time through Aug. 28. However, all new registration that occurs between Aug. 20-28 is late registration and has an associated late fee. To avoid this fee, students are encouraged to register for at least one class prior to Aug. 20.

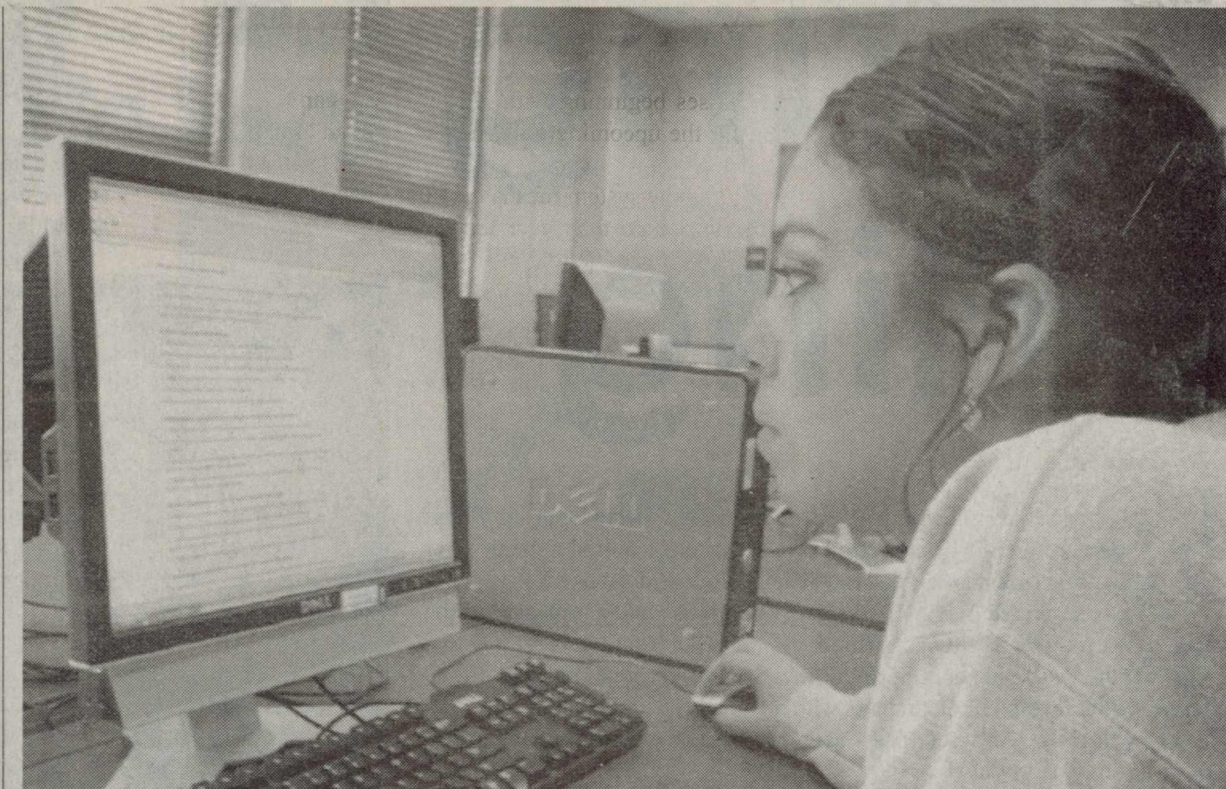


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Freshman scientific inquiry major views data from past NSSE annual reports.

SGA presidential runoff

Tiffany Thomas
Life Editor

The recent presidential elections did not yield a new SGA president due to neither candidate receiving a simple majority, which is defined by the SGA election code as “50 percent of votes cast plus one vote.”

There will be a runoff election today starting at 12:01 a.m. and ending at 11:59 p.m. to decide on the

next president elect. Results will be posted April 5 at 8:30 a.m.

The runoff election will occur between President/Vice President teams Derrick Houston and Raven Maxile and Richard Sharp and Emily Coggburn. Houston would like students to know that regardless of who they vote

for, “NSU is still on the path to improvement.” Houston and Maxile both pledge to remain members of the SGA and that “[they] are here

to work for students because that is why [they] joined the SGA in the first place,” Houston said.

When asked what he would like to see the SGA improve upon, he added, “I want to see more publicity for the SGA. Too many students don't know what the SGA is, what it does and how much its decisions affect them.”

Richard Sharp encourages candidates to take a close look at both candidates' experience on the SGA and what each has contributed to the SGA.

“Our platforms are all very similar and students should look past that to see what each candidate has actually done,” Sharp said.



Northwestern benefits from NSSE survey

Ty Johnson
Practicum Student

The University Planning NSSE Committee urges freshman and seniors to make a difference by taking the NSSE survey. The deadline to complete the survey is only weeks away.

University Planning and Assessment director Veronica Biscoe said NSSE is an acronym for National Survey of Student Engagement.

“What the survey is really about is asking students about how engaged they are in their college experience,” Biscoe said.

Biscoe said the survey asks about anything from how many papers students have written for class to how

often they participate in extracurricular activities.

“It's truly a survey,” Biscoe said. “It's not an assessment of any type of skill.”

The NSSE survey is a web-based survey for college freshman and seniors. According to the NSSE website, the surveys help institutions look at undergraduate experience, pinpoint aspects not in line with the mission (or what institutions expect) and identifies weaknesses and strengths in the educational program.

It also helps institutions know what areas to focus on to improve student learning, experience and success.

Biscoe said the university does not look at individual responses be-

cause the data are reported in aggregate form with averages.

“We have to give NSU student emails to the NSSE institute in Indiana,” Biscoe said. “An invitation email will be sent to the students. We have to use the NSU email account.”

That's why we've been pushing for students to check their email if they're a freshman or senior. That invitation email has a link embedded in it. You would just click the link, and it would take you directly to the survey.”

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Kappa Alpha Psi set to host pageant

Ty Johnson
Practicum Student

Nine contestants will strut the runway in hopes of winning the Miss Krimson and Kream 2012 title and scholarship.

The pageant's theme will be Kappa's Next Top Model. Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity will host the Miss Krimson and Kream 2012 Pageant in the Student Union Ballroom on April 17.

For \$3, the fraternity will welcome attendees as early as 6:30 p.m. The pageant will begin at 7 p.m.

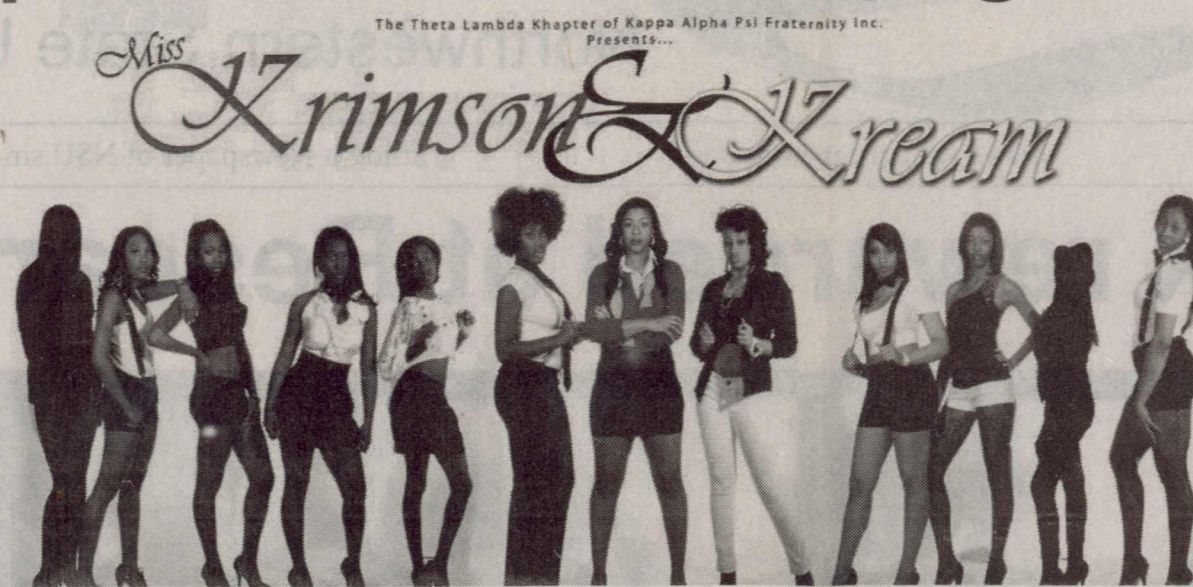
A diverse panel of judges consisting of NSU faculty and staff will score the contestants in the categories of on-stage questions, swimwear, talent and evening wear.

The candidates will compete for the titles of Miss Krimson and Kream 2012, first and second runner-up, Best Talent, Most Ads Sold, Miss Congeniality and People's Choice.

The eligibility requirements to compete in the pageant were attendance to the pageant informational, a minimum 2.5 GPA and the availability to attend rehearsals.

Brooks said 24 girls attended the informational. However, that number dwindled after preliminaries and rehearsals. There are now nine contestants competing for the Miss Krimson and Kream title.

A special committee was established to orchestrate the event. The four-member pageant



Event flyer by Brandon Blake

committee pulled inspiration from NSU's Lady of the Bracelet pageant and other university pageants to use it as a blueprint to their program.

They started planning it last fall. Pageant committee head and senior psychology major Patrick Brooks said the event will allow his fraternity to give back in a different way.

"We decided to have the pageant and use it as an opportunity to give back to the young ladies of the NSU community that support Kappa Alpha Psi events," Brooks said. "In a sense, it's community service.

We are awarding a scholarship to a young lady for her academic progress and outstanding leadership on campus."

Brooks said the pageant was highly recommended by many students since last spring.

"Several non-Greek young ladies were asking why we didn't have one," Brooks said. "I thought it

would be a great thing to do."

Junior accounting major Kenya Louis looks forward to seeing the choreography and evening gowns the most.

"I decided to go to the pageant to support one of the contestants," Louis said. "I'm looking forward to seeing the dances that I heard about. I'm also excited to see the dresses."

Sophomore secondary education major Janesa Richardson was chosen as the choreographer for the pageant.

Richardson said she modeled the choreography after the "smooth" moves of the members of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

She spends about five hours a week in rehearsal with the contestants. Those hours will increase as the date of the pageant approaches.

"The girls are really excited," Richardson said. "Sometimes after practice they want to stay late and

keep going. They often lose track of time. They've been really eager to learn."

Richardson juggles the task of serving as the choreographer and a dedicated assistant to Brooks.

"She's been here every step of the way since day one," Brooks said. "She's doing an amazing job."

The candidates are required to complete numerous community service projects leading up to the pageant.

"Kappa Alpha Psi isn't just about the fun aspect," Brooks said. "We're about community service as well. We wanted the girls to get a feel for that."

Managing a large group and sticking to deadlines has been challenging, Brooks said. Despite a few obstacles, he believes the

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Jacob Labutka
Fashion Columnist

Have a stylish spring break

There are of course the traditional knee and above-the-knee length swim trunks, which I do encourage you to own. However, there are some shorter swim trunks that are appropriate (and I don't mean Speedos in the instance of beach going).

About six to eight inches in length, above-the knee trunks are best for showing off a physique that has tirelessly exercised at the gym to bulk up for springtime. Though depending on how comfortable you are, I would recommend these for smaller beach gatherings and wear the longer ones for more public beaches.

I don't mean to embody a motherly role, but I must insist that all the beachgoers apply sunscreen before being delightfully pulsed with UV rays. However, there are a variety of tanning oils with SPF that accentuate your tan without skin burning or peeling.

Many of us either hit the tanning beds or sprawl under the scorching sun to turn a few shades darker, but sometimes we need a little boost. Many choose to acquire a spray-on tan, which can be achieved from store brought products or by a professional. However, if done professionally, many of these spray-on tans will make you look drastically tanner for the first few days which should be kept in mind when deciding to have it done.

Whatever your springtime plans, make it a point to look fabulous and have possibly scandalizing fun (or spend the week catching up on some much needed sleep).

Spring Fling

Last Wednesday the Student Activities Board hosted Spring Fling: "Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler." The event featured a giant water slide, oxygen bar, recorded music and a live Zydeco band.

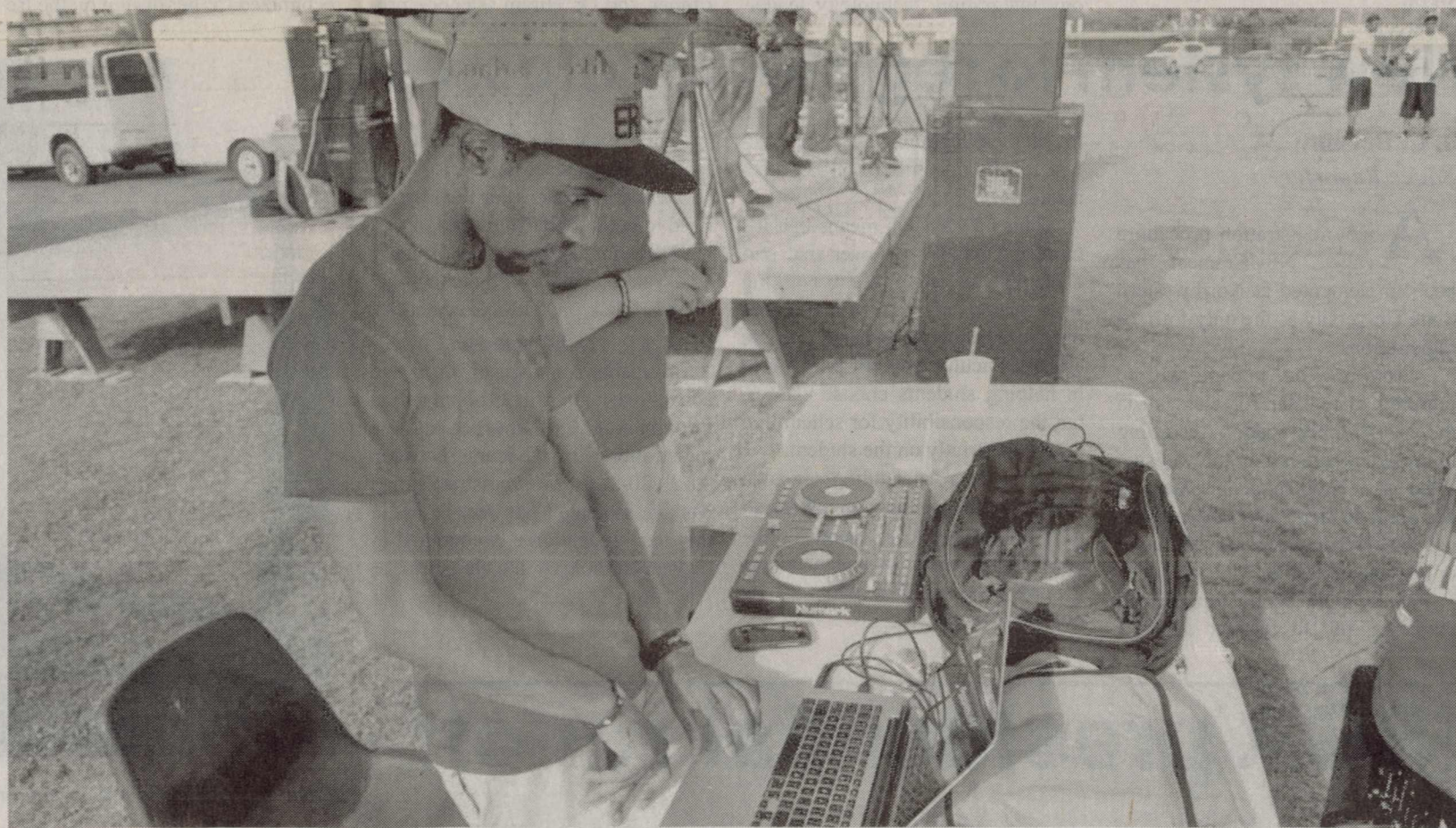
SAB also provided over \$7,000 worth of crawfish and jambalaya for the event to keep students' stomachs filled.

To get the word out about Spring Fling, SAB used social media and was pleased with the amount of students who attended.

With a "spring 2012" stamped student ID, students were welcome to enjoy all of the festivities.

The event was held at the NSU Pavilion which provided the free space students needed to roam around.

Overall, SAB considers Spring Fling 2012 a success and wishes students a safe and happy spring break.



SAB member Ryan Owens manned the DJ booth to provide students with music.



Photo by Alexis Reliford (Current Sauce)
Students (above) ride the slippery slope of the giant water slide and Jayna Moss (right) receives a scented breath of fresh air from the oxygen bar.



NSU enjoys
variety for spring
breakNick Russo
Guest columnist

Northwestern State's students will be among 1.5 million students nationwide on spring break. A survey by www.collegian.com found that Cancun, Mexico, and Daytona Beach, Fla., are the most popular spring break destinations.

NSU's spring break begins on Good Friday, but it is obvious that students are itching for it to begin already.

While some students will travel for fun, some will continue working to help with college living expenses.

"I'll be doing a lot of fishing, but also working at Maggio's to make money," Justin Warner, history

NSU
SpeaksWhat are you
doing for Spring
Break 2012?

"I'm planning on visiting family and friends who I haven't seen in a while. I'm going to catch up on some sleep and get a headstart on all of my final works."

Rebecca Lefante
sophomore, scientific inquiry

"I am going home and sleeping. Then, I'm going to Arkansas to visit my girlfriend's family. And then more sleeping."

Kyle May
senior, foreign language

"I'm going home and spending time with family and old friends. I also plan to relax as well as relieve stress through paintball and any other activities that include breaking unneeded plates and bottles."

Craig Flynn
sophomore, music education

"I'm going to a national tournament for Demon Dodgeball in Saginaw Valley, Michigan. I'm also going to be eating a lot of Indian food over the break."

Jebha Babu
sophomore, pre-med

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If you have ever seen "Star Trek: The Original Series," or if you are an active supporter of the LBGQT community, there is a good chance you have heard of George Takei.

Takei starred in "Star Trek" as Hikaru Sulu, one of the lieutenants of the USS Enterprise, but he has also taken center stage in recent years as he voices his opinions on the treatment of LBGQT rights in the United States.

One of his major mediums is his Facebook page, on which he has almost 1.5 million likes. He communicates to his fans in a mostly humorous manner, but is not afraid to tell his audience what is on his mind.

major from Natchitoches, said. "I figure I would rather make money over the break than spend it."

For those who are not staying in Natchitoches to work, spring break will be a valuable vacation

opportunity for bonding with each other. One football player hopes to improve the camaraderie with the squad during the time off.

"I'm going to Perdido Key, Florida with my teammates to relax and chill on the beach," Brandon Monrose, accounting major from Lafayette, said.

Several students have no choice but to stay in the Natchitoches area due to athletic obligations.

imploring his friends and fans to donate to a cause he thinks is important to American history.

The most important thing to take from this is that one person can make a big difference. It seems impossible to spread ideas so far, but it does not take a celebrity to change the world.

As much as Takei is a skewed example, as he was already famous from his role as a helmsman in "Star Trek," there are many men and women who are changing their worlds as we speak.

Blogging and tweeting have become popular ways to spread messages or ideas as quickly as lightning. This has even changed the way governments behave. It

takes one click to expose a scandal that would have stayed silent 20 years ago.

With social media, it is easy to be your own media outlet. Being famous is no longer required before you set out to sway people's opinions. This can be proven by the existence of terms such as "Twitter-famous," which apply to those people who get their start in the world by putting all they have into their social media outlets.

If you have something interesting and unique to give to the world, it is almost certain that you will have an audience. Once you have an audience, there is nothing to stop you.

Brooke Boeing, health and exercise science major, said.

Classes are slated to start again Monday, April 9.

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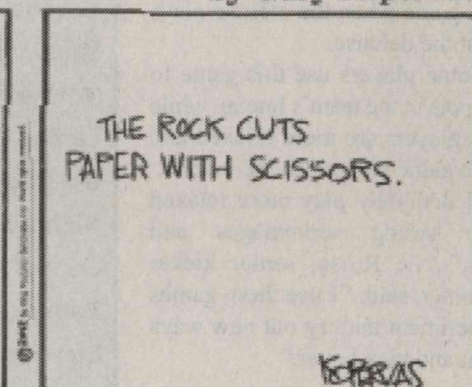


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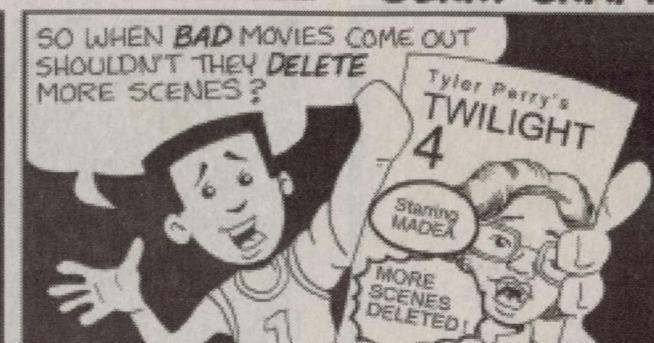
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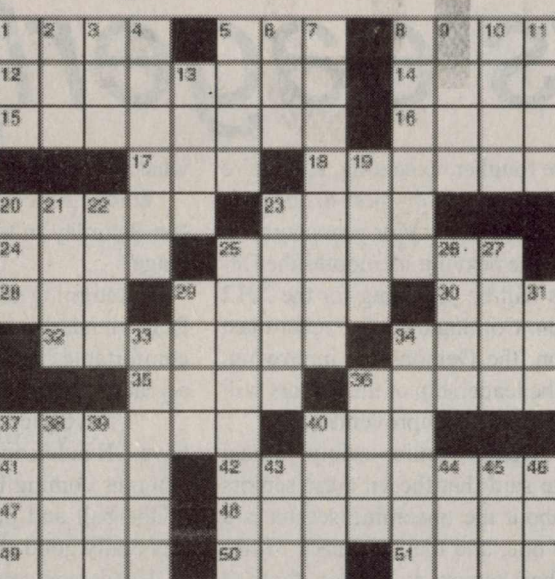
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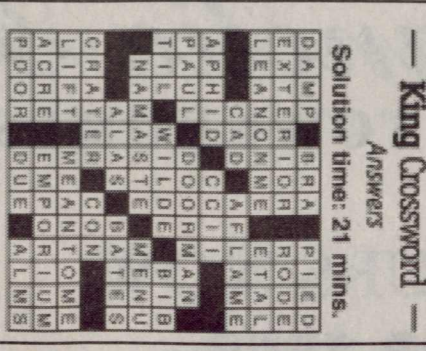
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Spring practice ends



Senior safety Jamaal White breaks into the open field during a kickoff. He also scored a touchdown off of a fumble recovery. White is one of two returning safeties for the Purple Swarm Defense.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Seniors eagerly await new season

Malcolm Kirkendoll
Sauce Reporter

As spring practices end for the Demon football team, the seniors are more determined than ever for this upcoming season.

The Demons looked impressive during their last scrimmage game.

The scrimmage lasted over two hours in smothering heat, but that didn't stop the team from focusing on much needed improvements.

"We had a great day, with a lot accomplished in all three phases although we had to keep the live scrimmage to only about 60 plays," Bradley Dale Peveto, Demon head coach said about the last scrimmage. "We're much better schematically,

We're tougher, executing, and we're growing up. It's the best the offense has looked in my four years here."

For the next six months the Demons will be preparing for the 2012 season. Coming off a 5-6 record last season, the Demons are improving, and the leadership of the seniors will be key for this improvement.

Demon senior safety Jamaal White said that the vibe the seniors get about the upcoming season is a good one, and they are ready to finish their tenure as Demon football players on the right foot.

"We know what we need to do as seniors on the team," White said. "We have to lead by example for the young players on the team. For us these next 10 months will determine

what we will do for the rest of lives."

White had a 4-yard fumble return last Saturday in the Demons' scrimmage.

Returning starting quarterback Brad Henderson said he feels more comfortable, having already played a year under the Demons' system.

"I'm very confident in what we have," Henderson said. With a lot of veterans coming back on both sides of the ball and performing better, I feel really good about this team."

Henderson completed 16 out of 28 passes for 199 yards. He also threw a 19-yard touchdown to Oklahoma transfer Sheldon McClain.

The next time the Demons will be in action is tomorrow at 6 p.m. for the Delaney Bowl in Turpin Sta-

dium.

With a high-octane performance from the offense and a solid defensive effort in last Saturday's scrimmage, the Delaney Bowl should be exciting.

The Delaney Bowl is the annual spring game when the offense plays against the defense.

Some players use this game to earn spots in the team's lineup, while others players are more relaxed and use the game to sharpen their skills.

"I definitely play more relaxed during spring scrimmages and games," Nic Russo, senior kicker and punter, said. "I use these games to experiment and try out new ways to punt and kick better."

2012 football schedule

Texas Tech	9/1/2012
Ark.-Monticello	9/8/2012
Nevada	9/15/2012
Miss. Valley State	9/22/2012
McNeese State	9/29/2012
Lamar	10/6/2012
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KNWD the Demon back on air

Ty Johnson
Sauce Reporter

NSU's radio station, KNWD, regained its signal with the purchase of a new device after several semesters of battling with equipment that kept calling it quits.

Senior journalism major and KNWD general manager Brady Renard said it was hard to progress as a station without a reliable transmitter.

"Despite countless times we shipped it back to PTEK and they fixed it. It would come back and give a marginal effort before it failed again," Renard said. "We needed to get the transmitters replaced, and it just took a little bit for us to realize that. The transmitters had served their purpose."

Located on top of the Turpin Stadium, the transmitter is the device that generates a radio frequency alternating current that aids an antenna in radiating radio waves. Those radio waves are then broadcasted for the audience to tune in. Without it, the station isn't able to go on air.

Renard said after doing research and consulting with a couple engineers, they decided that getting a new transmitter would be the best way to move forward.

To buy a new transmitter, the station had to go through different appeals and file paperwork. Because the new transmitter was under \$5,000, the station bypassed a lengthier process to purchase it. "We were able to simplify the process," Renard said.

Renard contacted Energy-Onix CEO Bernie Wise and negotiated on the price of a digital transmitter. Renard said Wise cut a deal with KNWD since it was a university-based radio station. Energy-Onix is a New York-based transmitter manufacturer.

"We got a 150-watt transmitter for a 100-watt price," Renard said. "It was a lot easier than what it normally is to get something done because of the graciousness of Bernie Wise at Energy-Onix," Renard said. Renard said due to factors such as paperwork and shipping, it took the new purchase three to four weeks to arrive.

Renard is relieved for the station's replacement; however, he was



Photo submitted by Ty Johnson
KNWD 91.7 the Demon.

Jessica Blow broadcasts her show to all of Natchitoches now that NSU has purchased a new transmitter for the on campus radio station, KNWD 91.7 the Demon.

disappointed that he wasn't able to do everything he planned before graduating this May.

"It's unfortunate," Renard said. "We had good participation. I was really confident in what we could do. I expanded the staff because I thought that was a step forward. But unfortunately with the signal being down, the station was not able to grow like I felt we could have."

Renard said thankfully KNWD has a good staff that has continued working.

Sophomore communications major Jessica Blow continued weekly reporting as if the transmitter was still up and running.

"It's sad because this is my first semester with the radio," Blow said. "I wish I was able to broadcast the

stories on air."

Despite frequent problems with the signal, it did not take away from what she gained at KNWD.

"Working for the KNWD is an experience that's opened my eyes," Blow said. "I've been to events that I wouldn't have gone to otherwise, and I met people that I probably wouldn't have met if I wasn't reporting for the radio."

Blow said because her of the experiences she's gained at KNWD, she submitted an application to return in the fall. She's looking forward to working at the station with the unlikely threat of a broken transmitter.

"I'm happy it's back because I get to hear my voice on air," Blow said. "Hopefully, I can continue working in the fall semester. It's exciting."

Junior general studies major Taylor Furr agrees with Blow.

"It's great that the signal is back," Furr said. "I didn't have as much to do at the station without it."

As the KNWD public service announcer and public relations director, he is in charge of reviewing various company promotions sent to the station and putting together advertisements for KNWD.

Furr is also the host of his own radio show.

"I was hoping to bring my show back sooner but it's taking a little longer than expected to get it back on," Furr said. "I'm just going to wait until after summer classes. Essentially, I would only be able to do my show for a week because we're just getting the signal back."

Furr said although the downtime gave him a chance to prepare playlists for future shows, he's happy with the station's new purchase and intends on reaping the benefits of the new transmitter for semesters to come.

"I plan to keep working here as long as I am student here at NSU," Furr said. "I feel like this is an organization I can really contribute to. This is a good way to occupy my time. I don't do boring really well."

With new equipment on board, general manager Brady Renard predicts smooth sailing for the station. "Hopefully, we did the steps to make sure there is no downtime in the future," Renard said. "I hope that with this new transmitter, everything is going to be better."

Liberal arts major Tara Luck was selected to serve as the 2012-2013 general manager. "I have full confidence in what she will do," Renard said.

Renard encourages students take advantage of what KNWD has to offer. "You do a little work, you have a lot of fun and you make a decent amount of money," Renard said.

"You get good experience too. I definitely encourage those who want to experience something different to give KNWD a try."

A new digital transmitter is only the beginning of the station's improvements. Renard predicts the station to be more stable, have better sound quality and newer interfaces. "Hopefully, you'll be seeing a new KNWD in the next few semesters."

Prescott hopes for better relationship with students

Jessica Blow
Sauce Reporter

While swimming at a bay in Texas City, Texas, a young Doug Prescott witnessed a close friend drown. The body was never recovered, but Prescott was impressed with the work that was put in to find his friend. After the incident, Prescott became a certified diver and instructor.

The work left such an impression on Prescott that he decided he wanted to become part of the police force. Before he became a detective at NSU, he worked as a patrol deputy in Winn Parish. Currently Prescott has worked as a detective on the NSU campus for 23 years.

"It's all I have ever done for about

30 years," Prescott said.

"Prescott's experience with interrogating and solving crimes helps us solve problems on NSU's campus," NSU police Chief Rickie Williams said. "You have to have experience to get people to talk to you because people aren't always willing to talk."

Williams is proud Prescott is a part of the force.

Prescott has chosen to stay at NSU because of the students. He wants to see them succeed instead of being behind bars.

Prescott said working with students is the best part of being a detective. Putting young people in jail is his least favorite.

He is responsible for police reports, crime scene investigations and arrests. "There's a constant flow

from the time I get in," Prescott said. Most of the campus problems are burglaries, drugs and alcohol.

One of Prescott's most memorable incidents was in Winnfield. A man drove through the streets shooting a gun. He injured five people and killed three. Prescott found out the man had mental health issues, and the subject was sent to a mental institution.

Another memorable incident happened on NSU's campus. A student dropped his backpack on the floor in a classroom with students. In the bag was a loaded gun that went off when the bag hit the floor. No one was hurt. Later, Prescott found the student was involved in a drive-by shooting on Highway 117 where an older woman was shot. The student

was arrested, but he had no motive Prescott said.

To prevent such incidents form reoccurring, NSU's police force has taken great measures. They have increased officers, patrol vehicles and patrol methods. "There is more emphasis on training," Prescott said.

Vehicles have video and audio along with laptops. Gates surround every entry on campus, and they are open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

NSU police have a great relationship among each other, but Prescott wants the student and police relationships to grow. He encourages students to come the staff if they have any questions or concerns. You can reach Prescott at his office number, 318-357-5431, or stop by his office on campus at the police station.



Secret Service not so secretly serviced: In Cartagena, Columbia several members of the president protection agency, the Secret Service, had the local police called on them for being disruptive and intoxicated. The drunken men openly bragged about being part of the Secret Service and spent hundreds on alcohol and prostitutes.

Arizona still asks for I.D. during voting: On Tuesday, an appeals court allowed Arizona to maintain the right to require voters to show

identification at the voting polls. The appeals court did state that the voters were not required to show proof of U.S. citizenship to vote in federal elections.

Louisiana attempts to ban sex offenders from Facebook: A bill that would ban sex offenders from certain social media websites such as Facebook reached a vote of 97-1 in favor of the bill in the Louisiana House of Representatives. The bill will now head to the Senate for voting. A previous version of this bill was shot down for being too broad. The bill included things such as email and would have banned a sexual criminal from using almost every aspect of the internet.

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Exchange student enjoys Louisiana culture

Andrea Nedorostova
Sauce Reporter

In January, Soukaina Chihab boarded an airplane. She was scared—she had never been out of her native African country. America would be the first country she ever visited. Natchitoches and NSU would become her second home for one semester.

The 21-year-old Moroccan student majoring in management decided to improve her English and participate in the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP).

"When I came here, I was thinking that I am in a movie," Chihab said. "Everything is different; it is not like Morocco at all. Even the way how you cross the street is different. People say 'hi' to you even if they don't know you—it doesn't exist nowhere else."

As the first student from the Al Akhawayn University (AUI) to participate in the exchange program at NSU, Chihab said NSU was one of her three choices in Louisiana along with LSU and Loyola University of New Orleans.

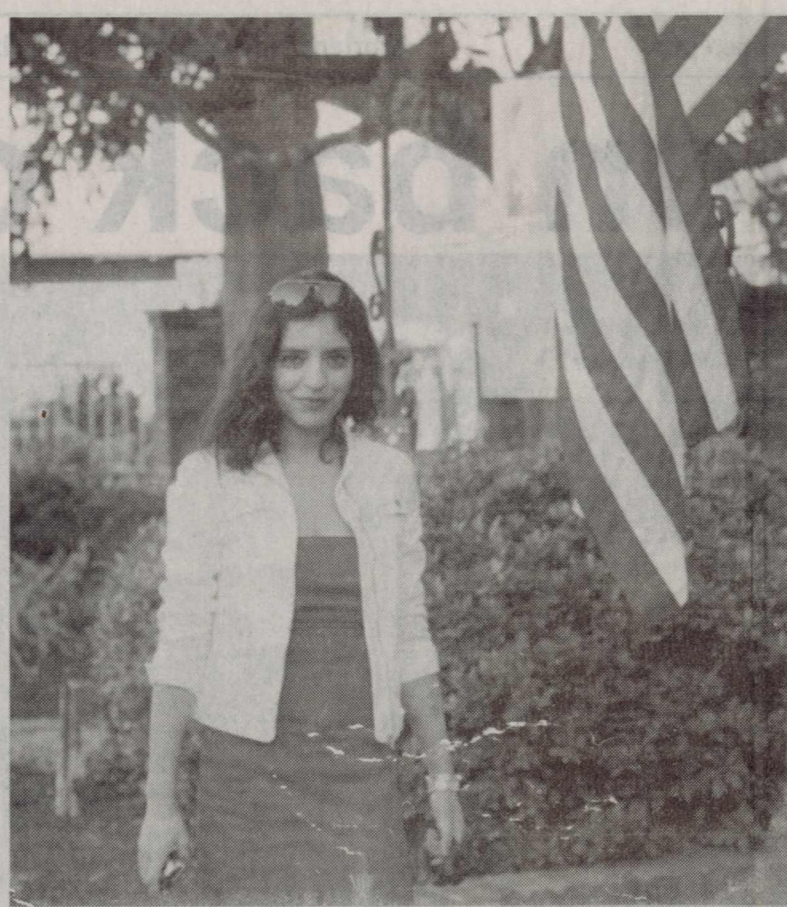
NSU had an open slot, so she came for the spring semester.

"I regret not doing a one-year exchange," Chihab, a junior, said.

"I cannot change it now. You have to plan it before you go. I am leaving in May, and I will feel nostalgia when I leave. I am 21, and this is the best experience of my life."

Sixty students from Chihab's university are studying in America this semester.

"We all went to a different place because if we would be together, we would communicate in our



Soukaina Chihab

language and learn nothing," she said. "My friends are in Virginia, Arizona, California, New York and Washington, D.C. We all love it."

Chihab is multilingual. She is French-educated, and she also speaks Arabic, English and Spanish. She said her peers at home do not speak enough English. But when they leave Morocco, English is the only language everybody knows.

Chihab has met many people at NSU, but the first person she befriended was a Spanish exchange student, Ana Garcia, who showed her around the campus.

"Ana and I went to New Orleans for Mardi Gras and it was so much fun," Chihab said.

When asked about her experience at NSU, Chihab smiled and said, "I like a lot that the campus is big in comparison with my university in Morocco. I like my dorm, the Columns, where I live. Professors are cool—I like them more than my professors in Morocco. The only problem here for me is transportation."

If any NSU students would like to enjoy an experience similar to Chihab's, the International Student Exchange Program here on campus

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"Alice in Wonderland" cast members play in between rehearsals.

Dance company to perform 'Alice in Wonderland'

Angela Owusu-Duku
Communications Student

Don't be late to the dance production of "Alice in Wonderland" April 21-22 at 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. in A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

Lewis Carroll's version of "Alice's Adventure in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass" will feature the talent of the NSU Dance Company.

Kirsten Reihl and Barry Stoneking, assistant professors of dance, worked collaboratively on this project. This production was designed to be suitable for children, although it was for the mature audience.

"We wanted to involve the community," Stoneking said. "The story is all told through dance."

Both dance professors choreographed numbers that are

inspired by "Alice in Wonderland."

"We wanted to work together," Reihl said. "We felt we had strong enough dancers in the NSU Dance Company that we could facilitate it."

Lauren Bovia, a junior theatre major with a concentration in dance, plays the character Alice in the production. Bovia expressed how excited she was to get the dance audition.

"Once I saw the cast list, I was thrilled to be Alice," Bovia said. "It has been a great experience and the hardest and most technical production I have ever been in, but the most exciting!"

Dominique Terrell, a theatre major with a concentration in dance performance and directing, is one of the puppeteers in the production.

"I help with the special effects," Terrell said.

As the production debut

approaches, there is a higher demand for participants to practice until each part is perfected. They have prepared for this production since the beginning of the school year.

"The closer we get, the longer our rehearsals are and the more work it is," Terrell said. "Now is the time to dig deep."

The costume and set design play a major role in the "Alice in Wonderland" production. Theatre students helped in creating the designs.

James McNeil, a senior theatre major, is a props and head puppet designer for the production.

"I enjoy the mechanics of puppetry and to be able to give life to something inanimate," McNeil said. "I'm an artist at heart."

Approximately 40 students will be featured in this production along with children who auditioned.

Inspirations from a spring break adventure

Spring break was the week everyone had been waiting for, and this year I chose to spend mine with my friends in Pensacola, Fla. There the air is breezy and doesn't make you sweat profusely when you attempt to lie out to work on your summer tan. Amidst the people and stores I was quite observant of what was the most fabulous and what was certainly not.

It seemed that on many days I was surrounded by polka dots and was quite pleased with what they were on. A short blue dress with white polka dots and a white bikini with black polka dots (and vice versa) were my favorite uses of the pattern.

Speaking of bathing suits,



Jacob Labutka
Fashion Columnist

there were a lot of cute ones out on those sandy beaches (as well as nice physiques wearing them). However, my belief that everyone should be aware of their body type before purchasing their bathing suits (and clothing at that) was reinforced.

There was also a lot of blue worn and bought during this week. Different shades of blue such as teal, sky, navy and aqua were just a few hues that my friends and I fashionably showcased through the streets of Pensacola.

Spring break has also reminded

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RSO Spotlight: Lambda spreads awareness about LGBT community

Jacob Labutka
Staff Reporter

"You guys have a great opportunity to help out the LGBT community around campus," SGA senator, Richard Sharp, said about Lambda.

Lambda is a social organization that discusses and promotes LGBTQ awareness. They welcome anyone of any sexual orientation or gender identity to come and discuss important issues.

The group was founded in the 1980s but soon after it became dormant until it reestablished a presence on campus in 2007.

The group was named "Lambda" because the Greek letter was selected by the International Rights

Congress as the gay and lesbian rights symbol in 1974.

Lambda engages in various activities both on and off campus. They proudly attended the Louisiana Academic Queer Conference (LAQC) that was initiated by LSU in 2011.

"Lambda has been involved in outreach programs that aim to help LGBT youth in accepting and embracing their sexual identities," Desiree Hatten, a sophomore member, said. "We try to use our own experiences in helping them achieve these goals."

Activism for the LGBT community is performed through varying events such as their protestation of Proposition 8 in Shreveport. Members are also

encouraged to participate in National Coming Out Day and National Day of Silence.

In courtesy of the Trevor Project, Lambda is looking to host an awareness day to promote LGBT suicide prevention. They also want to participate in the "It Gets Better" video project.

They have held a variety of fundraisers including raffling off items such as the naughty and nice Valentine's Day baskets.

Lambda welcomes new members to join throughout the year. As a social organization, Lambda organizes social events for members and events in which non-members are welcome to attend.

This year will mark the second year that Lambda has hosted their

Big Queer Prom. This year's prom will take place on April 20 in the Student Union Alley at 7:00 p.m., and everyone is invited to come.

"Overall, Lambda is about creating a safe environment for everyone," Doolan said. "It's a social RSO that allows people to be themselves and blossom in a safe, welcome environment."

Lambda has an open door policy for anyone who feels that he or she needs someone to talk to. The organization discourages negativity from the outside as well as inside the organization.

Meeting times and locations for the fall 2012 semester Lambda meetings will be announced next semester.

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Rants: The Olympics



Tom H. Lawler
Opinions Columnist

As you all may have been aware, the Olympics are to be held this year in London. As this discourse is being typed, athletes are training hard, and the east end of London gets a much needed face lift.

Most of the usual sports will be included in the 2012 Summer Olympics. Yet, there are a few that raise my eyebrows. Allow me to explain.

The sport that I think does not belong on the Olympics level is table tennis. Table tennis, or ping-pong, is a parlour game. Every man cave and teen hangout will have a ping-pong table wedged into a dark corner. While I have only been in a few, I assume some Greek houses on university campuses have them also.

It just does not seem like a daunting task to win at a game of table tennis, especially since most games are won for soft drinks, adult beverages, money or phone numbers. Winning an Olympic ping-pong match is comparable to receiving a Nobel Prize for yo-yoing or Pig Latin.

The other ordeal with table tennis is that this year's Olympics also include regular and more athletic forms of tennis. It is beyond me the reason behind having two versions of this event.

Another issue I have is with horseback riding. There really is not much to be said on this one, except that it seems more like a sport for the horse than it does the person riding the horse. No doubt skill is needed in controlling a splendid beast, but the real athlete seems to be the horse.

On the whole, however, I am quite alright with the Olympics. I do in fact think that it is a rather healthy for nations to compete. The

Olympics are a truly a global agora for the world's community, well, at least the sporting community.

Unfortunately, world disputes will never be solved with sports, but at least it can keep our minds off of whose secret service slept with said prostitutes and the misdeeds of some anti-multicultural in Norway or wherever.

I have no real preference for the Winter or Summer Olympic Games. Just the very fact of 153 nations coming together in a peaceful way and leaving in the same manner is a confident achievement worthy of praise, even if that peaceful way is table tennis (or curling, for that matter).

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Love in a time of college



Catherine Beverly
Opinions editor

When I hear about people getting married and having children as undergraduates, I cringe. I know quite a few people from my high school that are already married and settled down, and that frightens me. Imagine it! The words "settled down" summon images of less sleep than I want and more spending than I can afford. "Settling down" is what happens when I'm 30-years-old and getting tired of floating around the world on a whim.

But this is no longer the case - "settled down" now refers to some friends from high school and a growing number of Northwestern's student population.

I am not knocking marriage or long-term relationships. I believe that if you and your partner truly care about each other, you can stay at the dating stage for a while. That way, if anything falls through, you don't have to go through the horrible experience of a divorce.

On the other hand, if two people do stay together until they are established in their chosen careers, they could be much better off. They will be financially secure, and they will have experienced ALL that life has to offer someone before they "settle down."

I understand that if you love someone at this age, you think your relationship will last forever. Your relationship may last maybe three to five years, but sadly the chances are that it won't last that long.

Why? Because you're still changing and establishing your beliefs and opinions. You and your significant other will differ in your preference of locations, types of houses and even the number of children. Some of your plans for the future are bound to clash, and one or both parties may settle for something they don't truly want.

So, if you're thinking of marriage with your significant other, just hold back for a while. Stay with them and enjoy your time as young adults because it won't last forever. Then, whenever you are ready to move on, you'll have the experience with your partner as a separate person before trying marriage on for size.

Just remember that college is a time to test yourself and to become that adult that you truly want to be. Although not impossible, it is much more difficult to achieve that goal when you are tied to another person and responsible for more than you should be at your age.

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ACROSS

1 Myron Floren's boss
5 Malcolm — Warner
10 Priam's kingdom
14 Daddy duck
19 Adams or Sedgwick
20 Napoleon's fate
21 Something to skip?
22 De Valera of Ireland
23 Start of a remark by Dan Post
26 Rectify
27 Sprinted
28 Part of a suit
29 Pastoral poem
30 Sherbet flavor
31 Norm
32 Rib —
34 One of "Them!"
35 Dirty
37 Part 2 of remark
45 Colleague of Dolly and Loretta
46 Mature
47 Peachy-keen
48 Plumb crazy
49 "Maria —" (41 song)

51 College growth
52 Before, to Byron
53 Mendicant monk
54 Utter
56 See 90
59 Dispute
61 Pigment
62 Hibachi residue
63 Oaf
65 "Love — the Ruins" (75 film)
66 Part 3 of remark
69 "I Got a Name"
73 Add info
74 Mil. group
76 Genesis vessel
79 "Little —" (64 hit)
81 "Be my guest!"
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84 Storms
85 — Dinh
87 Paw part
88 Jergens' or Astaire
89 Field of knowledge
90 With 56 Across, common appetizer

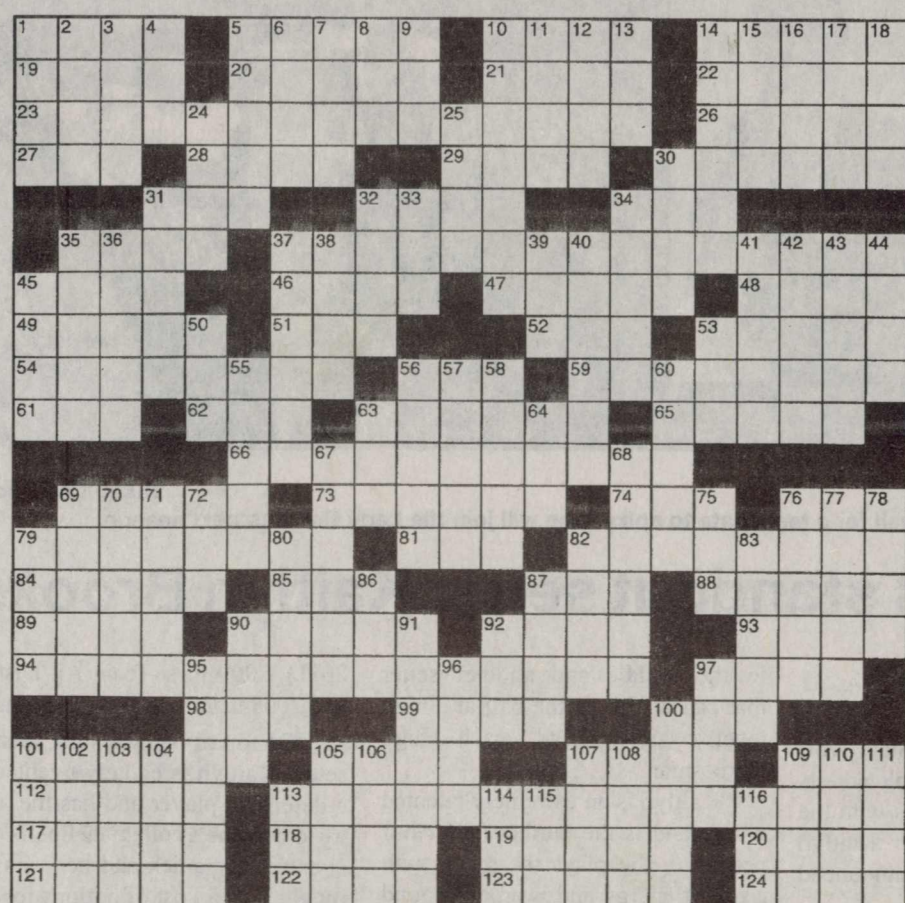
92 Chimney part
93 Duel tool
94 Part 4 of remark
97 Domino or Waller
98 Herriot title start
99 "Excuse me"
100 Western st.
101 Mugabe of Zimbabwe
105 Whetstone
107 Out of control
109 She's a sheep date
112 Venerate
113 End of remark
117 "The Kiss" sculptor
118 One of the Waughas
119 "East of Eden" director
120 Imminent
121 Upright
122 Michael of "Cabaret"
123 Unkempt
124 "Vissi d' —" ("Tosca" aria)

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1 Sport
2 O'Brien or Skinner
3 Mortgage, e.g.
4 Beer barrel
5 Baseball's Derek
6 Shaft
7 Freshen a fuchsia
8 Cover girl
9 Kapaa keepsake
10 Auto transaction
11 Actress
12 Fall
13 Craving
14 Lack
15 " — Lama Ding Dong" (61 tune)
16 Prayer
17 Hong —
18 "The NeverEnding Story" author
24 — Office
25 Regret
30 In the know
31 Nero's instrument
32 Duplicate
33 Savored the seitan
34 Fall flower
35 David of "Dark Shadows"
36 Too tubby
37 Twist and turn
38 Bee flat?

39 Born
40 You'll get a kick out of it
41 Texas landmark
42 Symbol
43 Buttercream, e.g.
44 Laramie or Sumter
45 Devour
50 — carte
53 "Fee, Fi, Fo, —" (55 Leading man?)
56 Container
57 Arm bones
58 Annie of "Designing Women"
60 Jets and
63 Opening
64 UK honor
67 Delayed
68 Worn down
69 Cugat
70 Mississippi or Missouri
71 New York city
72 Bk. offerings
75 It's in the bag
76 Skilled
77 Romeo and Juliet
78 Banjo locale
79 Grouch
80 Register

82 Hogan or Hindemith
83 Perfect
86 Word with baby or snake
87 Horner's fruit
90 Sensed
91 New Jersey town
92 Adversary
95 One who no's best?
96 "What a relief!"
97 Charlatan
100 Uncool
101 Hard to find
102 Miasma
103 Portend
104 Rohmer or Carmen
105 Sign of sanctity
106 "Glad All —" (64 hit)
107 Carpenter's tool
108 Knight's quaff
109 Kind of pitcher
110 "Huh?"
111 Bronte heroine
113 Horse hash
114 Endorses
115 Duncan's denial
116 "Jurassic Park" stuff



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2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name for a seashell collector or expert?
3. ART: What Mexican muralist was married to Mexican painter Frida Kahlo?
4. COMICS: What was the name of Casper the Friendly Ghost's horse?
5. SPORTS: Where did the sport of jai alai originate?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Where is Death Valley located?
7. TELEVISION: Which PBS documentary series featured the song "Ashokan Farewell" as its theme music?
8. MEDICINE: What is the brand name for the sedative diazepam?
9. LITERATURE: Who was the first to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature (1901)?
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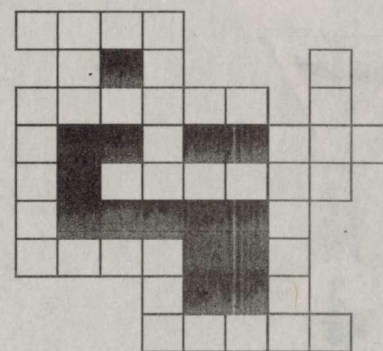
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1. A new order of the ages
 2. Conchologist
 3. Diego Rivera
 4. Nightmare
 5. Spain's Basque region
 6. Southern California
 7. "The Civil War" by Ken Burns
 8. Valium
 9. French poet Sully Prudhomme
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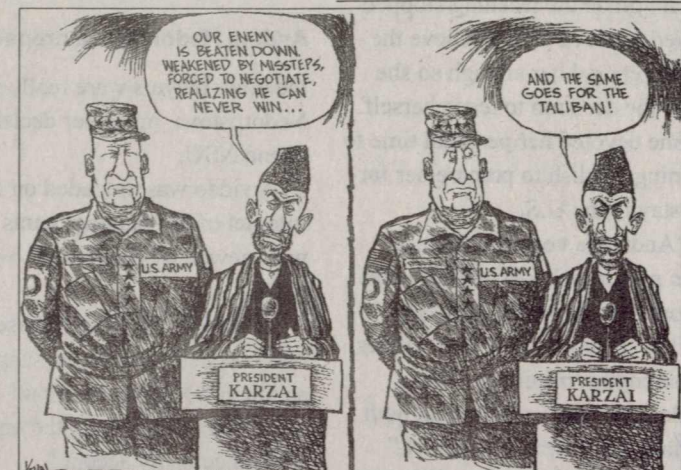


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WELK JAMAL TROY DRAKE
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REBA RIPE NEATIG LOGO
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DOVE ASH BELLOOT BONGH
CROCE UPATE BEERIT ARK
CHILDREN PIES ROEIDON
KAYNGO PAIDADELLE
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Lady Demons split series with UTA

Robbie Kleinmuntz
Sauce Reporter

A couple of miscues in the field by the Northwestern State softball team led to a walk-off grand slam by Texas-Arlington's Hillary Steed to take the contest 6-2 in the bottom of the ninth inning on Friday at Allan Saxe Field.

The frame started when UTA's Kelsey Kaiser hit a ground ball to the pitcher that was dropped by the first baseman. With one out, Stephanie Gonzalez reached on an error by the third baseman, putting runners on second and third. After a walk and a fielder's choice groundout at home plate, Steed hit the big two-out bomb to end the game.

The Lady Demons (16-24, 4-9 SLC) outhit the Mavs (13-18, 3-6 SLC) 6-5, but made four errors on defense. Teri Lyles (7-9) pitched all nine innings for the Mavs to earn the win, while Brooke Boening (4-5) took the loss even though she didn't give up an earned run.

Kylie Roos started for NSU and allowed just one earned run in four innings, and Sara Aasness tossed two shutout innings of relief. The Lady Demons trailed 2-1 in the top of the sixth inning when Roos led it off with her second homer of the year to tie the game.

NSU scored the first run of the game in the fourth frame on a RBI single by Cali Burke. The hit scored Shenequia Abby who had come in to pitch-run for Roos after she walked earlier in the inning.

Tara McKenney tallied her 15th multi-hit game of the year by finishing two-for-four with a pair of singles. Samantha Roberts extended her hitting streak to nine games with an infield single in the fourth inning.



Outfielder Jordan Palmer makes contact with the ball. UTA beat NSU the first game 6-2, but the Lady Demons shut them out 2-0 the next game to split the series.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Things were different for NSU the next game

Making her first start of the season, sophomore Sara Aasness pitched lights-out as the Northwestern State softball team topped Texas-Arlington, 2-0 on a home run by Brianna Rodriguez Saturday at Allan Saxe Field. Aasness (1-1) threw 5.2 scoreless innings to pick up the win for NSU (17-24, 5-9 SLC).

Brooke Boening came in and tossed 1.1 shutout frames of relief against the Mavs (13-19, 3-7 SLC) and earned her second save of the season. It was the fourth shutout

in the last five games for the Lady Demons, who have let up just one earned run in the last 36 innings.

At the plate, Rodriguez provided all the offense NSU would need with a two-run homer in the second inning.

The frame started when Samantha Roberts drew a walk, and Rodriguez powered a no-out homer to leftfield. Rodriguez also singled to rightfield in the sixth inning to record her sixth multi-hit game of the year.

The Lady Demons turned their first triple-play of the season in the first inning, 6-3-2-5-3-3. With run-

ners on first and third, UTA's Hillary Steed grounded out to shortstop.

First baseman Rodriguez stepped on the bag and threw to home-plate to try and stop Courtney Zink, who originally hesitated, from scoring.

As the ball beat Zink to the dish, she held up and was caught in a pickle. Stephanie Gonzalez, who started the at-bat as the runner on first, advanced all the way to third as NSU was tossing the ball back and forth to try to get the runner out in the run-down.

When Zink retreated back to third, Gonzalez was already occupying the

bag – as both runners were standing on third, Rodriguez tagged Zink and she was called out.

Gonzalez thought the umpire called her out, stepped off the bag and was also tagged out. Callie Collins (6-10) took the loss for UTA after striking out five batters in 4.2 innings.

She surrendered two runs on two hits and a pair of walks. Teri Lyles threw 2.1 innings of relief and allowed just one hit. NSU will be back in action on Friday when the team travels to Nicholls a conference weekend series.



Jimmie Walker
Editor-In-Chief

Dynomite: ballin' out of control

Having money to blow has become more of a literal phrase in the sports world recently.

It's increasingly alarming to find out about more ex professional athletes losing all their money shortly after retiring.

Some of these athletes have acquired millions of dollars throughout their careers and nothing to show for it after they hang up their cleats or Air Jordans.

It's perplexing when you think about it. Many of them grew up in tough environments. They vowed to put their parents in a big house and get their loved ones out of bad living arrangements.

They excelled in their sport to escape that lifestyle only to take a path that could lead them back to that situation. Something is glaringly wrong with this picture, but athletes turn a blind eye to the possible predicament. Through their rise to fortune and fame they never learn how to manage money, a life skill some never acquire.

These individuals don't have life skills that help them manage their riches. They become easy targets for money-hungry friends and misleading financial advice.

According to Sports Illustrated, 78 percent of athletes file for bankruptcy within two years of retire-

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Demon tennis knows no borders

Alyssa Richardson
Sauce Reporter

The Czech Republic to Louisiana may be more than 5,000 miles away, but a love for tennis and traveling prompted Andrea Nedorostova to leave her hometown of Czech to attend NSU.

Nedorostova, a junior mass communications major, was recruited for the NSU tennis team. Inspired by her father, she has been playing tennis since she was six-years-old.

During her first tennis practice she was told by her coach that she couldn't play because she was too small.

Nedorostova insisted she practice, so the coach found a small racket so she could play.

"I like that I have become so independent, and I like having roommates, but I miss home a lot," Nedorostova said. "I really miss my family."

Born in the Czech Republic, Nedorostova didn't speak much English. Though she was taught some English in school, after a certain grade the teaching stopped.

Nedorostova didn't believe the class prepared her enough so she made the decision to teach herself.

She devoted her personal time to learning English to prepare her for her stay in the U.S.

"Andrea is very unselfish, a team player and does what it takes for our team to be the best they can be," Dubois said. "She utilizes her strengths, minimizes her weaknesses and improves on both to make her a complete player."

Coach Patrick Dubois described her as "a very hard worker who has improved each year."

Nedorostova was recruited through an online agency in Czech that finds scholarships in America for all types of athletes. There were many schools to choose from but when she heard NSU was located in a city with a warm climate, had a Division I tennis team and that



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Andrea Nedorostova prepares to return the ball during a rally.

the other players were really nice Nedorostova made her decision to attend NSU.

A video was uploaded on the Internet of her playing tennis and was viewed by coaches all over the world.

"I'm very proud to represent NSU because the people support us so much," Nedorostova said. "I've never felt out of place; the only difference is my accent."

Nedorostova said tennis is different in her home country because she had to learn to play for an entire team, rather than just herself. In Czech Republic she played for a tennis club.

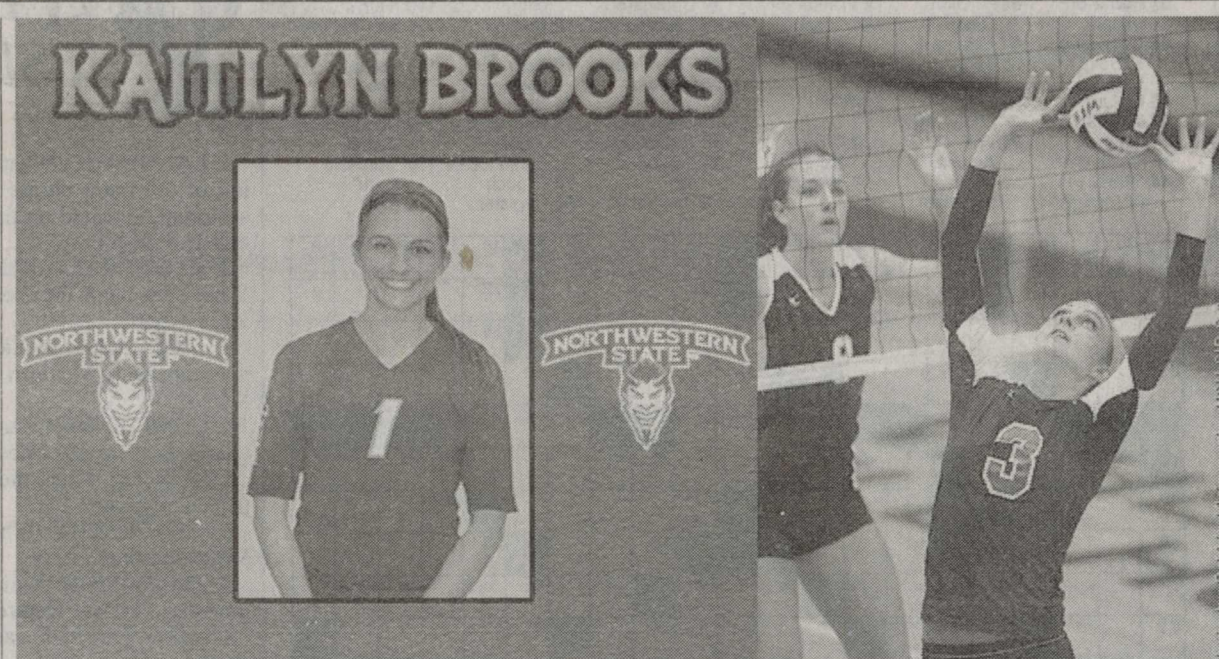
She stated there are tennis teams you can play for whoever you wanted, at any time; it was your choice.

Coach Debois explained that the team focuses on the process of proper technique, conditioning, fundamentals, teamwork, communication and positive body language to position and be a top team in the Southland Conference.

Nedorostova isn't interested in playing professional tennis; she only plays for fun.

She plans to pursue a job within her major, but would be interested in coaching a tennis team in her spare time.

"Andrea is a very positive person who brings out the best in herself and her teammates. She has done an outstanding job in her first three years as a Lady Demon on and off the court," Coach Dubois said.



Submitted Photo

Kaitlyn Brooks sets the ball for a teammate to spike. She will join the Lady Demons next season.

NSU adds standout setter Kaitlyn Brooks

Courtesy of Sports Info:

The Northwestern State volleyball team completed its 2012 recruiting class with the signing of standout setter Kaitlyn Brooks, the program announced last Wednesday.

Brooks (5-7), a native of Sugarland, Texas, joins middle-blockers Amanda Kunz and Glynna Johnson as newcomers for the 2012 season. Brooks will add the much-needed depth the Lady Demons have looked for at the setter position alongside Emily Sweet.

"Adding Kaitlyn to our 2012 recruiting class completes our roster. After a very strong 2011 class, it was important that we added size

in the middle and another setter that can distribute the ball at a high level," said co-head coach Hugh Hernesman.

"Kaitlyn is an extremely talented player and is the perfect fit for our program. She plays the game with a ton of energy and is an all-around great competitor."

In addition to guiding Ft. Bend Austin High School to a pair of play-off appearances in 2010 and 2012, Brooks led her school to three consecutive top-3 district finishes.

She has a long list of individual accolades that include 2011 and 2010 District 25-5A Most Valuable Setter, 2011 Team MVP, Memorial Herman Houston Area Athlete of the Week (Nov. 9, 2011), Houston Chronicle Girl Athlete of the Week (Oct. 30,

2011), 2009 First-Team All-District and 2008 team's Most Inspirational.

"On top of being a very talented setter, Kaitlyn is equally talented as a defensive player and has the ability to become a collegiate libero. She is extremely quick and her versatility gives us a host of options for our team," Hernesman said.

Brooks plays club ball with Houston Skyline Juniors. The team is scheduled to play in the Lonestar Classic National Qualifier on April 20-22.

"It was very clear on her visit that Kaitlyn and her family are going to fit right into our program. She developed an instant bond with a team that already has great chemistry," Hernesman said.



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Houston sworn in with new cabinet

Memrie Gibbons
Sauce Reporter

NSU's Student Government Association welcomed junior social work major Derrick Houston as the new student body president, Monday night in the President's Room of the Friedman Student Union. Houston was administered the oath of office by the Dean of Students, Dr. Chris Maggio.

Houston expressed his gratitude for the student body's support and his expectations for the upcoming year.

"First of all, it feels great to have been elected and for all of the stress and chaos of elections to be over with," Houston said.

"I'd like to thank everyone for their support for my campaign; it's truly been overwhelming to see such strong backing from the student body. I have very high expectations for the coming year.

So much has been done to improve the campus during President Luck's year and it is my hope that

my cabinet and I will be able to not only continue those improvements but also institute plenty of new ones as well."

After being sworn in as the SGA president for the 2012-2013 school year, Houston administered the oath of office to new vice-president Raven Maxile.

Maxile thanked the student body for their support and stated SGA's effort to continue in an effective manner.

"I just want to say thank you to everyone in the student body for their support during the race and having faith in us," Maxile, a junior mass communications major, said.

"We are going to do our best to fill some very large shoes that are being left to us."

Houston then appointed his cabinet. The senators for assembly then voted on and approved the cabinet for the 2012-2013 school year.

The cabinet for next year consists of: speaker of the senate, Megan McDaniels; chief of staff, Ellie Spain; administrative assistant, Ashley Haynes; financial director,

Richard Chenvert; communications director, Emily Cogburn.

Houston's cabinet contains a wide variety of student representation that has the capacity for great potential and features Ellie Spain and Emily Cogburn, who were running against Houston in the presidential election.

However, just as the new vice president, Raven Maxile stated, the new cabinet "has some rather large shoes to fill."

President Luck and her cabinet accomplished numerous goals in order to better the campus in an astounding manner.

Houston and his cabinet members must familiarize themselves with the new constitution being implemented next year. This new constitution was written by the former speaker of the senate, Zech Jones, a senior in the Louisiana Scholars' College.

In attendance at the inauguration was former president Tara Luck, who gave a speech that commended the SGA on their long and impressive list of accomplishments.



Photos submitted by Memrie Gibbons

Photo above: NSU SGA president Houston with his new cabinet. Photo below: Chris Maggio swears in Houston.

Some of these accomplishments included improvement in campus security, attempts to get a new student union, the transition to Orgsync and the implementation of a new constitution.

Luck was followed by the members of her cabinet, who each left the SGA with words of encouragement for the upcoming year.



Photo submitted by : News Bureau

Dr. Jack Wann, center, teaches a three week class on Shakespearean acting to CAPA students.

Loft Theatre named for Dr. Wann

Courtesy of News Bureau

Northwestern State University has named its Loft Theatre in honor of former artistic director Dr. Jack Wann.

Wann was a member of Northwestern State's faculty from 1990 until 2003, building one of the top undergraduate theatre programs in the South. Under Wann, Northwestern gained accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Theatre.

More than 40 of his students worked in summer stock companies each year and a number of his former students are working professionally.

"It would be safe to say that the NSU Theatre and Dance program would not be nearly as successful today if it hadn't been for Dr. Wann's guidance," said Coordinator of Theatre and Dance Scott Burrell.

"Even today, the program's mission remains the same as it did when Dr. Wann rekindled the program in the 90s. A strong commitment to college academic work combined with practical training to support students into their entrance into the professional theatre/dance world."

Wann established the NSU Summer Theatre. He also regularly brought working theatre professionals to Natchitoches to hold workshops for students.

In 2002, he published a book, *Shakespeare! An Approach to Performing Shakespeare*, and received the Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award from Northwestern State.

Wann was named professor emeritus after his retirement. He has maintained his close ties with Northwestern State by directing summer theatre productions and returning to campus annually to teach theatre

classes.

Wann taught a three-week class on Shakespearean acting at NSU this semester which concluded in early April.

"The name of Dr. Jack Wann is closely identified with the theatre program at Northwestern State. He led the reinstatement of the program and developed faculty and students to high levels of achievement in theatre," said Northwestern State President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

"He has shown great loyalty to Northwestern State and its students by returning each year to share his knowledge. Jack remains a beloved figure within the university and Natchitoches communities."

The Jack Wann Theatre is on the second floor of the A.A. Fredericks Center for Creative and Performing Arts and is being renovated to create a state of the art acting and movement laboratory theatre.

International food festival held by NSU students



Photo submitted by: Jarred Roberts

NSU students present exotic foods to the public.

Courtesy of News Bureau

A few hundred people attended International Festival of Cultures and Cuisines Tuesday, April 24th. The event took place in the 500 block of Front Street in downtown Natchitoches from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.. Students in Northwestern State University's Hospitality Management and Tourism program presented the popular biennial event.

Guests were able to try foods from India, Japan, France, Chile, Argentina, Russia, Australia, Greece, Hollywood, California and Morocco. Costumed students served food and wine to guests who purchased coupons for \$1 each at the Hawaii booth. Students also demonstrated ethnic music and dancing. All proceeds go to the Hospitality Management and Tourism Foundation.



Ex-engineer under arrest in BP oil spill case: A former BP engineer received the first criminal charges concerning the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico two years ago. On Tuesday the Kurt Mix was arrested for allegedly

destroying evidence and two counts of obstruction of justice. Kurt is accused of intentionally deleting over 300 text messages that contained information dealing with the blowout in 2010.

California teens drunk off sanitizer: In the San Fernando Valley, Ca., six teenagers were sent to the hospital with alcohol poisoning. They avoided gulping down the soap by using salt to isolate the alcohol from the rest of the contents. Some hand

sanitizers can contain up to 65 percent alcohol.

Dairy cow found to have mad cow disease: There was a confirmed case of mad cow disease in dairy cow located in central California. The meat of the animal did not enter the nation's food supply, and the body of the cow was destroyed to prevent further spread of the disease. This is the fourth known case of the disease in America since 2003.

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Submitted photo

Students played laser tag inside this inflatable space shuttle.

Students aim and shoot for fun

Nic Russo
Sauce Reporter

If you don't plan on going into the military, paintball hurts too much, and the video game "Call of Duty" isn't realistic enough for you, then laser tag may fulfill your adventurous fantasies.

Last Wednesday about 30 NSU students played laser tag courtesy of the Student Activities Board, which set up a small outer space-themed bounce house at Prather Coliseum.

"At first I thought there was no way we could all play laser tag in there," Collins, a biology pre-med major, said.

With skepticism, the gamers entered the inflatable spaceship filled with dark rooms and sharp turns. To the gamers' delight, the ship defied their expectations.

"I was surprised that it was actually kind of spacious and pretty fun," Collins said.

The Student Activities Board helps break up the monotony of the routine of studying and class," Alex Vadrine, a biology major, said.

"I think what SAB does is really important because it keeps students entertained. Without events like laser tag, it can get really boring."

SAB president Shaquille Broussard thinks it's a good idea for students to have a variety of entertainment.

"I think it is always important to bring new things to campus because students want to do things that they have never done before," Broussard said. "Students want to do things that they would never normally find in Natchitoches rather than the same things over and over again."

Laser tag was the final event hosted by SAB for the spring 2012 semester. Earlier this year, SAB hosted an adult comedy show, a crawfish boil and a screening of the movie "Immortals."

For more information on the Student Activities Board, visit www.nsula.orgsync.com/org/nsusab. You can also personally visit your SAB representatives in Room 232 in the Student Union.

Jebha Babu does it all

Catherine Beverly
Sauce Reporter

Jebha Babu, a sophomore studying scientific inquiry at the Louisiana Scholars' College, can be best described as the white rabbit of Northwestern State University.

She can be seen running around campus saying, "I'm late. I'm late. I'm late." This is not because she is irresponsible, but more because she has so many responsibilities.

Babu was born in India in 1992 and moved to the United States seven years ago on the night of July 3.

"The cool thing was that a whole bunch of fireworks went off at that night," Babu said. "I felt like America was welcoming me."

Her multicultural background is one of the reasons she blends so easily into different groups.

Babu is involved in the Student Activities Board as the Lagniappe committee head and is the vice-president of Demon Dodgeball. On the opposite end of the spectrum are her roles in Northwestern's Choir and as a Freshman Connector.

In the past weeks, Babu has attended multiple lectures by guest presenters, attended and worked at Spring Fling, and sang in the Men and Women's Choir Concert. With all of her responsibilities, Babu still manages to have good grades in all of her classes.

"I'm dedicated, and I have two



Submitted photo

Jebha Babu, Scholar's College is involved in numerous extracurricular activities including Demon Dodgeball.

detailed calendars. I pray for God's strength to help me accomplish everything I want from life," Babu said.

Last semester her grades qualified her for the Dean's List. She also won a minor award in speech and debate.

"On a humorous note, my friends and I won the SAI talent show competition with our Indian dance," Babu said.

Other students would look at this packed schedule and assume that she has no time for fun, but Jebha disagrees.

"To relax I hang out with friends,

do crazy, fun things, watch TV and eat good Indian food," Babu said.

A downside to leading such a busy college career is that all of this activity leaves Jebha little time to sleep. However, her friends don't seem to think it puts a damper on her spirit.

"She is a little Indian ball of fire," Victoria Kwentua, a scientific inquiry major and Jebha's roommate, said. With her there's always something to do and someone new to meet."

"She is always busy with schoolwork and student activities, but she still finds time to have fun

with her friends," Kwentua added.

Babu's plans for the future include becoming a member of the Blue Key and Purple Jacket honor societies and rejoining the Speech and Debate Team next year. On top of this, she is continuing her education in the biomedical field as she dreams to be a doctor.

"I have a deep calling to serve those who are hurt," Jebha explained. "Also, I want to travel all around the world, and I want to continue to serve God musically. I would tell anyone to live every moment to the fullest, so that there will be no regrets."

SAB event provides NSU with comic relief

Ty Johnson
Sauce Reporter

"Good comedy is simply born out of truth" is what Comedian Azhar Usman described as his view of good comedy.

That quote seemed to be the theme of SAB's "Adult Comedy Show." Three comics were invited to break out the laughing gas for SAB's last event of the semester.

The comics joked about topics such as diversity, relationships, personal experiences and race. The comics entertained a crowd of 15 for two hours.

SAB President and senior business major Shaquille Broussard said despite the low attendance, he thought the show was enjoyable.

"Everybody is starting to go through their finals and preparing for tests," Broussard said. "There were other events going at the same time. I think it would have been better with more people, but I knew

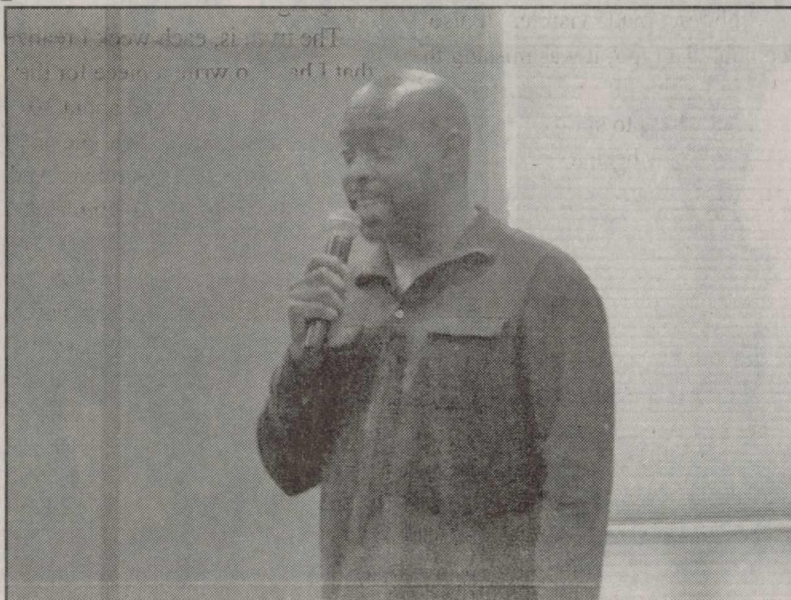


Photo by Ty Johnson

Louis Ramey performs his stand-up routine at the Adult Comedy Show.

with all the time conflicts we had and the busy schedules, it would be a small attendance. It was still a good show."

Broussard said all the comics were entertaining, but Louis Ramey

was his favorite.

Ramey, a Georgia native, has been entertaining crowds over two decades.

"I love the idea that when I walk on stage, nobody knows who I am,"

Ramey said. "We're talking about complete strangers who don't know anything about you and in 35 to 45 minutes you change that to where everyone wants to be your friend and everyone feels like they already know you."

Ramey described his acts as "pushing the envelope" and "walking the line." He said his shows were the most successful when he deviated from being politically correct and was honest about what he thought.

Chicago native Azhar Usman said one of his greatest challenges as a stand-up comic is writing material that is honest about what he really thinks.

"What the comic is saying is something everyone has thought or noticed at a deeply subconscious level," Usman said. "Comics are simply taking that and making

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Columnist

Summer fashion tips

As the academic year comes to a close we say goodbye to the decline in fashion that comes with the time around finals.

One is lucky to acquire just an ounce of sleep during these tumultuous times. Many students do not care about being differential in their dress as they take their calculus final, and so their pajamas stay on.

Yes, the end of the semester for many proves to be a dismal point in their lives. But with great relief comes the long awaited span of time known as summer. This time of year means we can throw away our daytime pajama habits and wear clothing that celebrates the summer.

For some, black is a color that is worn year round, and if that's your only cup of tea then go right ahead. But I must advise against it because everyone should have some "multicolorism" spread in their closet.

Besides, light colors are best for summer unless you like the feel of sunlight baking through sweaty cotton. And now you have all the

time to party that you didn't have during the semester.

To combat scorching temperatures, try to find thin fabrics that are sometimes sheer on the shelf but not when worn. Many cotton shirts offer this breathability that is both comfortable and chic. There are plenty of you who plan on getting summer jobs to get that extra bit of cash (or for most of us to pay the bills).

It is a very good idea to save, but don't let that stop you from buying something that's out of this world cute. Fashion and fiscal responsibility can go hand in hand (remember my first column on being financially and fashionably savvy).

At the very least, try to make this summer fashionably fun and try things outside your comfort zone. Have a night with the girls and try on different colors of clothes, makeup or anything you never thought would be practical but could look all the more cute.

Something new and different I've heard recently is to let your hair fall towards the floor, spray through with hair spray and then put it back to normal. Then it becomes easier to style in different ways. Try this multiple times at home until you find what makes your look pop.

I know I've covered a little bit of everything, but as my last column

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Dead week at NSU



Catherine Beverly
Opinions Editor

Since it is the end of the semester, there really isn't too much to complain about—except for NSU's take on a dead week before finals.

Many other universities have a week where professors avoid having big assignments due so students are given a good amount of time before finals to study. It seems that NSU does the opposite.

Many students have complained of three or four exams being due along with some papers and projects. Putting all of these important assignments to be due just before finals week is almost like extending finals week into a two-week event.

So busy working on papers and studying for tests, many students are thinking of pulling all-nighters closer to exam time. The option of starting to study early is barred to them to an extent because of all of their other assignments.

This isn't the only issue with finals week. Another is that many events are planned on this "dead week," including the much anticipated "Alice in Wonderland" ballet, formal events for some organizations and thesis/senior project due dates.

I recommend that we follow the tradition of universities like Georgia Tech and Iowa State, who advise professors not to have huge projects or assignments due the week before finals. If that is impossible, NSU could at least enforce some kind of study aid.

An example of this is California State at Sacramento, whose "dead week" marks the beginning of the Student Union being open until 2 a.m. with free coffee and study lounges available to students who need a library-like atmosphere.

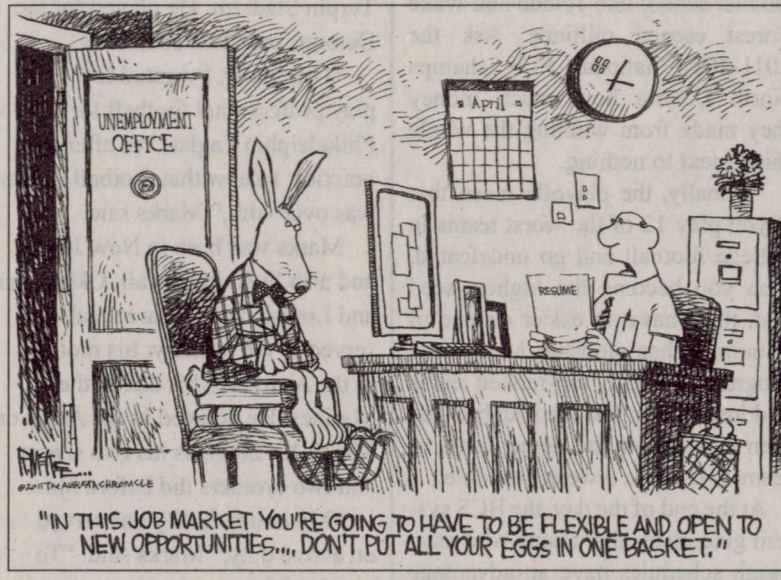
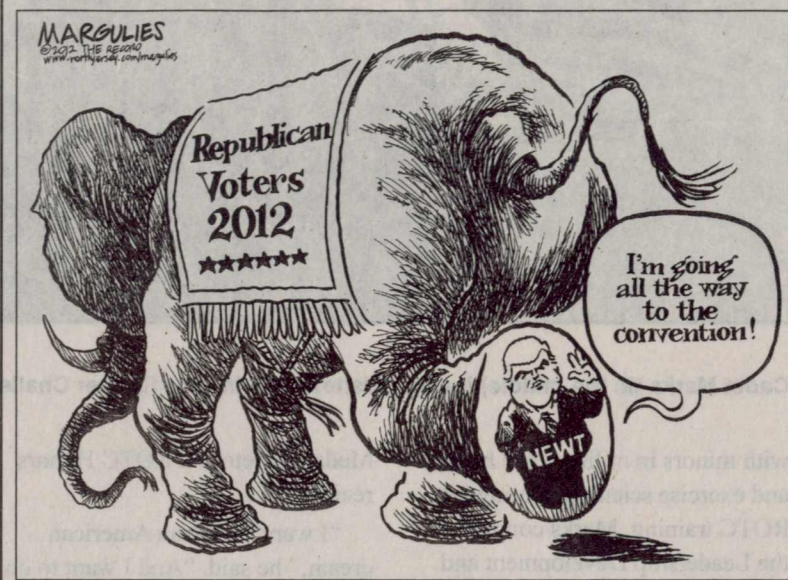
All of these traditions have helped students do their best, even the traditions like the "primal scream". This usually takes place at universities that do not have a limit on assignments during "dead week."

Dorms strictly enforce a 23/7 quiet time the week before the exams, where the last hour is dedicated to the "primal scream," which echoes across the campus and the college town. This allows students to let off steam from the stress of finals.

All in all, many universities seem to have some tradition during the final week of a semester, but NSU does not. If we do, it is not practiced by our students. It's important for the sanity of students to provide ways to keep the stress of exams down.

I implore the next president of the student body to make some of these changes. I am positive that there will be great things if the students are allowed an outlet for their end-of-semester stress. Not only will they do better and become more confident in themselves, they could have much more school spirit.

Just think about it.
Have a great summer!



The Jordan frenzy: What's the big deal?

Alyssa Richardson
Guest Columnist

Imagine waking up at 3 a.m. to stand in a long line to buy a pair of tennis shoes. It sounds crazy right? Over a million sneaker heads, including myself, do this every Saturday when a pair of Michael Jordan Retro tennis is released.

Last Saturday Retro 12s were released to shoe stores worldwide. Customers lined up outside the Hibbett Sports store in Natchitoches as early as 2 a.m. awaiting their opening. With a limited amount of sizes, it's a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Jordan "Frenzy" has not only affected Natchitoches, but cities across the nation are wondering, "what is the big deal?" And I'm here to answer that!

I've been wearing Jordans for many years and just like other sneaker heads, I genuinely love the shoe. Ironically the shoes are not new. They have all been sold before, but some haven't been re-released in more than 10 years, so owning a pair is a big deal.

Newer Jordans have small changes such as colors variations or an extra logo. The Jordans are still replicas of past Retros that were already released, and I still love them.

The Retro Cardinal 7s were released in 2006 and were re-released in 2011 with a small change. I purchased both pairs. You can laugh, but you're only laughing because you don't understand.

Infants, toddlers, kids, men and women all wear Jordans. These classic shoes have swept the nation, but many people didn't believe it was a big deal, until the death of a customer in December 2011.

The Retro Concord 11s were released in 2000 and were not seen again until 11 years later. I woke up at 6 a.m. to stand in line, and many others lined up the night before to guarantee their purchase. When the mall finally opened, chaos began. At this line in New Orleans, people were trampled over, pushed down and hurt. The police came soon after the incident. Over 1,000 miles away in Washington, D.C., an 18-year-old was stabbed and killed while standing in line to purchase the shoes.

This horrible situation sparked a lot of fear, but didn't stop me from standing in line the next time a shoe was released. From reading tweets, Instagram posts and Facebook statuses, a lot of people have a problem with me taking my hard earned money, standing in a long line and buying a pair of shoes for \$163. But why? This is my choice and my money! Everyone has a love for something. I happen to love shoes.

I can say from experience that within the past five years more people, especially females, have been purchasing Jordans, who weren't before. The "new" sneaker heads are causing problems and stirring attention that we never asked for. We don't need anyone's approval on what we decide to spend our money on! If you don't have a love for Retro Jordans, stop trying to understand why we do because you never will.

Rants: My last 'Sauce' declamation



Tom H. Lawler
Opinions Columnist

Once received a fortune cookie that read "good writing is clear thinking made visible." It also contained a typo; it was missing the "w" in writing. It was a profound typo, needless to say.

It has now been a few years since I began to experiment with student media. Over the years I have received many opinions on my opinions, either of which are sometimes not opinions at all—sort of like now.

This has thrilled me. My favorite remarks are from those complaining

that I am too this way or that depending on the complainer's own leaning. I also enjoy when I am told that the articles are not academic, global, local, college-life-specific, funny, serious, social, political or opinionated enough (all in the same week, mind you).

To all of my critics, you are most likely right.

The truth is, each week I realize that I have to write a piece for the weekly edition. I spend about 30 minutes researching the topic or thinking of quips to jot down. And then I just write. It's as simple as that.

You may have counted that there are around 400 to 500 words in these columns. That is my only limit. I am free to choose my topic and my content to a certain extent. And sometimes this has landed me

in trouble.

Which brings up my next issue with writing for student media here at NSU: guilt. If I have ever poked a finger in your side with my writing, I apologize. However, you probably deserved it. One complaint I have with the times is that we are seldom critical of ourselves.

I usually make an effort to be critical of my own life, but I drastically fall short sometimes; perhaps you have noticed.

But this writing, whether critical or not, has all been practice for me. Not necessarily practice for writing but practice for clear thinking. Now the fortune cookie is relevant.

All one has to do is turn on the TV or go sit in traffic on the Keyser Bridge, and we can watch hours of "unclear thinking." So to me this means that there is not enough good

writing (leading to clear thinking) taking place in society. Facebook statuses do not count.

All of these reasons are why I love writing. It takes a "pause before action" (actual pen to paper) which is supposed to be a rational thought. Of course the pause does not always happen. It takes that practice for it to always occur.

This year is over. Yet, I encourage you, if you're attending NSU next year or longer, to write for this paper and for our other writing based RSOs. There might be other more obvious benefits to membership, but I ask you to consider just one profound thing: "good writing is clear thinking made visible." Come and get some practice of both.

Thanks for reading, everyone!
Good luck out there.

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This is our last issue for the spring semester!

We hope you enjoyed reading. Good luck on finals and have a good summer! We look forward to providing you with more newsworthy material next school year.

- Current Sauce staff

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by Linda Thistle

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People stand in line for hours to be one of the first to own Jordans.

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Nic Russo
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If it ain't broke, don't fix it

For years, there have been debates about switching the college football BCS system to a playoff tournament.

Many think that this would benefit both players and teams. However, several key issues are being overlooked.

First, switching to a playoff system would increase the number of games played by six games, which means when the championship teams meet, they would have played 18 games. Anyone who has ever played football understands that staying healthy for just 12 games is hard enough because football hits can be as severe as "mini-car crashes." By the time a team reaches the championship game in a playoff system, players may be so physically exhausted that the game would not be as exciting.

Players would be physically and mentally tired. They would be unable to focus and apply appropriate study time for final exams, which fall directly during the playoff season.

In the BCS system, players end the regular season, finish finals and play their bowl game. Imagine the stresses of playing survival games every week, watching film and studying your playbook, while si-

multaneously having to write papers and study for tests. Adding a playoff system could hinder athletes' academics. This raises the question: what is more important, academics or winning football games?

From a business perspective, it makes no sense to switch to playoffs games. Bowl games generate millions of dollars from advertisements and ticket sales.

The playoffs in the FCS, (a lower league level of college football), generates little to no money. According to the "Huffington Post," schools earn anywhere from hundreds of thousands to multi-millions of dollars in revenue from bowl games. In this last season, LSU earned \$22 million from their bowl game. Even smaller school like Toledo and Wake Forest earned millions. Ask the 2011-2012 national FCS champs North Dakota how much money they made from winning the whole thing—next to nothing.

Finally, the playoffs mean that if you play 12 of the worst teams in college football and go undefeated, then you become the highest seed and, thus, have an easier chance of winning a championship. Meanwhile programs that play top-ranked teams and lose one or two are snubbed and then ranked on the same level as teams who have a weak schedule.

At the end of the day, the BCS system guarantees that teams who have tough schedules have an advantage over school that schedule "cupcake schools" to make their record look impressive.

Remember, the next time you argue to replace the BCS system, ask yourself "who actually benefits from the playoffs?" Is it the fan at home on the couch watching the game, or the student-athlete who exhausts himself on and off the playing field?

competing for a national title only because they beat up on weak opponents throughout the season. But understand that strength of schedule isn't an issue with a playoff system. A weak team can't hide in the playoff system. When they line up against a quality opponent, the differences in skill will show.

Ultimately, installing playoffs will avoid situations like Utah's and Boise's because a computer program won't decide who will play in the championship. Everything will be left on the field.

Finally, let's talk about the players. Increasing the number of games played is tough on the body. I never played college ball, but I played high school football for John Curtis, a team that always went deep into the playoffs. Frankly, you have to pull through and compete at your highest level no matter the circumstance.

College football players dream about making it the next level. What better way to impress scouts than to showcase your ability against top opponents throughout the playoff tournament. Also, the last time I checked, the NFL was 16 games long.

Needless to say, the system is broken, beat down and ran to the ground, but I'm not one to say change something without telling you how to do it. Here is what I think should happen.

The playoffs should be a 16-team, single-elimination tournament. The higher seeds will play against the lower seeds. There are 12 FBS conferences. Six of those are BCS conferences. All conference champions will earn automatic entry in the playoffs. The other four teams will be determined by strength of schedule and regular season record. It's simple. Finish first in your BCS conference or first in your non-BCS conference, and your team will advance into the postseason. This way every team has equal opportunity to make the postseason. All you have to do is win.

Former athlete trades shoulder pads for camouflage fatigues

Andrea Nedorostova
Sauce Reporter

The cadet captain of NSU's ROTC never dreamed of being in the Army. But one athletic injury changed his life.

During fall 2007 Michael P. Marks tore ligaments in his left ankle during football practice in Turpin Stadium. He played for the Demons only two semesters.

"Originally, I wanted to play professional football for Philadelphia Eagles, but after that practice, I knew that football dream was over with," Marks said.

Marks was born in New Jersey and also lived in Hawaii, Oklahoma and Louisiana. His parents also served in the military: his mother in the Army and his dad in the Marines. He enlisted in the Army on March 13, 2008, as his two sisters and two brothers did before him.

"My entire family has served on active duty," Marks said. "To me, ROTC is a stepping stone to enhance my career. I joined ROTC on August 17, 2009, because I wanted to not only better my future, but develop great leadership skills."

Now a senior, he is majoring in psychology and general studies,



Submitted photo

Cadet Marks (in the middle) leading his team during the Ranger Challenge Competition in the fall 2011.

with minors in military and health and exercise sciences. During his ROTC training, Marks completed the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC), which is a centerpiece of ROTC training program.

Marks was a captain of the NSU Ranger Challenge Team, and a member of the Color Guard. He was also a letterman, Platinum

Medal Athlete and ROTC Honors recipient.

"I want to live an American dream," he said. "And I want to do the Top 10 craziest things in the world—whatever they are."

Marks' plans after graduation from NSU are clear. After commissioning, he wants to continue his education in psychology and continue his career

in the military.

"I want to have a job that would help me reach my goals of joining a civil affairs unit and as a civilian volunteer to counsel kids at different schools from grades 7 to 12," he said. "As a future officer, I plan to lead the troops of the future in at least two combat tours before retiring."

Lady Demons look forward to fresh start

Malcolm Kirkendoll
Sauce Reporter

For the first time in Lady Demon basketball there will be two co-head coaches. With new coaches means a new system. The Lady Demons are looking to take this new system and make it into a winning one.

On April 4, Demons athletic director Greg Burke announced the co-head coaches of the Lady Demons' basketball team. Brooke and Scott Stoehr will man the controls for the Lady Demons next season.

Burke said he is highly confident with the hire of the two coaches.

"They possess a wealth of coaching experience and are very well-connected and respected in the Division I women's basketball community," Burke said.

"They are very familiar with the recruiting landscape in this region based on their previous coaching stops and, in particular, are committed to pursuing the best players in our home state."

NSU President Dr. Randall Webb is also high on the coaches' arrival.

"I'm very excited about this addition to the Northwestern State University family," Dr. Webb said. "I am convinced we are going to enjoy outstanding recruiting, a well-disciplined program with a strong defense, a lively offense and great success. I can't wait for Lady Demon basketball to begin next season with Brooke and Scott in charge."

More importantly than the staff being happy about new coaches, the players are eager for the new start.

Last Wednesday, there was "Meet and Greet Luncheon" for the players and coaches to get well acquainted with each other. The ladies are confident in their new coaches.

Junior guard Jasmine Bradley says she is both worried and excited about this upcoming season.

"I'm a little worried but more excited about having new coaches," Bradley said. "The reason I'm worried is because now we start our process all over again. With the new



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Scott and Brooke Stoehr photographed with returning Lady Demons.

coaches there will cuts to be made, whereas with our last coach we pretty much knew where we stood in the rotation. I'm excited for the new change."

Bradley, coming off an injury last season, is ready to get back on the court.

"I'm anxious to get back on the court, but I'm still a little nervous though," Bradley said.

"I haven't played on my knee in a year, but ready I want to show the coaches that I'm ready to play this season."



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Scott and Brooke Stoehr talk about being co-head coaches.

NSU's Gayle Hatch honored May 10 among state's elite

Courtesy of Sports Info

Northwestern State basketball great Gayle Hatch, who is one of the nation's most influential figures in the field of strength training and Olympic-style weightlifting, is one of five people being honored May 10 at the 22nd Annual Louisiana Legends Gala and Auction.

The event, hosted by Friends of Louisiana Public Broadcasting, includes Gov. and First Lady Jindal serving as honorary co-chairs. It annually honors Louisiana natives who have demonstrated excellence and brought acclaim to the state in a variety of careers ranging from entertainment, the arts, sports, business, government, politics, education and religion.

Also honored this year will be country music superstar Mickey Gilley, world-renowned orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews, U.S. Ambassador to Liberia Linda Thomas-Greenfield, and business and community leader Richard Zuschlag.

Among past recipients of the

honor are Lt. Gen. Russel Honore, former Govs. Jimmie Davis, John McKeithen, Buddy Roemer and Dave Treen, sports stars such as Hal Sutton, Terry Bradshaw, Willis Reed, Bob Pettit, Bert Jones and Lou Brock, and entertainers including Zachary Richard, Faith Ford, Irma Thomas, Pete Fountain and Al Hirt.

The event will be held at the Old State Capital in Baton Rouge. Information is available at the lpb.org website.

Hatch, head coach of the 2004 USA Men's Olympic Weightlifting Team, is a member of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, the USA Weightlifting and the USA Strength and Conditioning Coaches Hall of Fames. He is enshrined in the Long Purple Line Hall of Distinction at Northwestern and is in the Graduate N Club athletic Hall of Fame in recognition of his basketball feats as a Demon.

A Baton Rouge resident and graduate of Catholic High School where

he was a high school All-American, Hatch emerged as a basketball star at Northwestern. He still holds the school record for shooting accuracy in a game, making 18 of 21 shots in a 44-point, 18-rebound performance against a powerful Kentucky Wesleyan team in 1961, also a state record for best aim with over 20 shots taken.

He finished his career with the Demons in 1962 and signed a professional contract with the Chicago Majors of the American Basketball League, the forerunner of the ABA which ultimately merged with the NBA.

But it was his work in another gymnasium setting that has made Hatch one of the remarkable figures in his sport around the country and even the world. After his pro basketball career, he returned home to Baton Rouge, where he started his weightlifting and stretch training program.

He had been influenced by trailblazing Alvin Roy, who trained

Hatch as an athlete along with other Louisiana greats who grew up in Baton Rouge, including 1959 Heisman Trophy winner Billy Cannon, future NBA All-Star Bob Pettit and Pro Football Hall of Fame fullback Jimmy Taylor. When Roy retired, Hatch took over at Alvin Roy's Training Center and blended Roy's approach with an Olympic-style weightlifting program.

It resulted in the development of the highly successful Hatch Weightlifting Team, which has won 49 USA Weightlifting national championships and produced three USA Olympians along with 12 members of USA teams in World Championship competition. His philosophy has been utilized by college football teams at LSU, Alabama, Miami and Tennessee to win a combined six BCS National Championships, while Appalachian State won three FCS national titles and the baseball teams at LSU and Miami claimed College World Series titles.

He has developed countless disciples in his sport and has been recognized around the state and country for his contributions.

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